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ARTIST STATEMENT

My life, my art, my life, my art

My art is a journey, an exploration, a struggle. I never know where it will lead me but I know that I cannot live without it. I stand in front of the canvas and think I have forgotten everything that I know. I make a mark. I respond. It is all about the process-not an emotion nor a thing nor a being. I still feel new to this. I struggle with the process. I add. I subtract. I obliterate. I repeat-layer, after layer, after layer. I am trying to find my "yesses". My biggest challenge as an artist has been to overcome a lifetime of perfectionism and to learn to paint only for myself. I want my work to reflect this hard won goal; thus, my art is about the imperfect. It is a journal of the history of the painting. There are two conversations in my art. There is an in-your-face conversation that screams "look at me" and, hopefully, draws you in and there is a whispered conversation in the quiet areas that whispers, "this is where I have been and this is who I am. This is my struggle." I struggle yet when I near the end of the journey, I see myself, my life, my shapes, my memories of a childhood full of joy and a life full of living.

