



JanettMarie

About JanettMarie



Painter JanettMarie was born and raised in Decatur, Indiana. After graduation from high school she attended Tri-State University (now Trine University) in Angola, Indiana, where she received her Bachelors of Science Degree in mechanical engineering.

JanettMarie worked three long years in the field of engineering before following her true dream to attend art school. She received a Bachelor of Fine Art from Herron School of Art, a division of Indiana University. Janett's major at Herron was actually photography, a little mix of the left-brain, right-brain activity. Having only 15 hours left to receive a major in painting she decided it was time to move on!

Janett has displayed her work at the Alliance Gallery of the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the Columbia Club downtown Indianapolis, in several exhibits at the StutzArtsSpace Gallery and all of the Stutz Artists Open Houses since 2007. She has had her work in galleries located in West Lafayette, IN and Cincinnati, OH. She has been a Women In The Arts "Featured Artist."

JanettMarie has been working full time in her Stutz Business Center studio since 2007 and is currently teaching painting part-time for Wine & Canvas.

Artist Statement

Coffee cups, coffee cups, coffee cups! What's up with all the coffee cups?

Last year at this time, I was working on 100 apple paintings. Why 100? To help me develop a discipline for painting (almost) every day. As a result, the series of apples became a free pass to experiment with all kinds of materials and methods. I tried everything. I used stencils and made stencils; water-soluble pastels and pencils, oils, oil pastels and acrylic paints. I sprinkled isopropyl alcohol. I used paint in pens and squeeze bottles. Once the apple project came to an end everyone was asking, "what next, what next?"

Coffee cups made the most sense to me, as most everyone can relate to his or her favorite cup. The experimenting with materials continued to grow, like pouring my old cold coffee on to the paintings. I've even used glitter in paintings lately and I haven't used glitter since 5th grade! I love using color, it makes me happy and I've noticed that it makes other people happy too. Yes, I'm a colorist—there's no hiding it. I also like breaking the rules in art, because I can. I love Picasso's quote: "if you know exactly what you're going to do, what's the point of doing it? Since you know, there's no interest in it.... It's better to do something else." I couldn't agree more – it's okay to just paint.

–jM, August 2012

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