

Christine Olmstead

Artist

Bio/CV

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Bio

Christine has been painting and drawing several days a week since she was 18 months old. Her mother, an art historian, stressed the importance of art history from a young age. Her journey has taken her from impressionism in childhood, to realism in middle school through college mastering various mediums and finally to abstraction in her adult life and professional career. She's currently pursuing an MFA in painting while running her studio practice full-time.

Statement

Christine Olmstead is an abstract artist whose work has exploded since releasing her first collection in 2015. Her pieces are what she calls "internal landscapes." Her works are conceptual, abstract, and mixed media. Olmstead focuses on movement, light, color, and sound to convey story and internal moods and energy. It is through a deeply meditative practice, combined with music that she exercises her synesthesia and painting practice. Christine's paintings are conceptual in nature focusing on healing, seeking peace, restoring painful memories, and infusing light and beauty into the work. She views her works like icons much in the same way a Christian would hang a portrait of Mary in their home to remind them to pray, Christine pieces are also icons to remind viewers to breathe, slow down, seek light, create beauty, and practice peacefulness. Christine resides and paints in Northern Virginia.

CV

Education:

2021*– MFA, Painting from Savannah College of Art & Design: incomplete

2015 – Graduated Patrick Henry College: BA, Classical Liberal Arts.

2013-2015 – Internship at Savant Design Associates
2007-2011– Private tutorship with Philip Altbaum: Oils
2004-2007– Loretta Jenkins School of Fine art: pencil and charcoal drawing.

Exhibitions:

2021 – Artsy, Group Exhibition, “Measuring the Drapes,” Curated by Latela Curatorial
2020 – Artsy, Group Exhibition, “The Surrender,” Curated by Marta Staudinger
2020 – Artsy, Group Exhibition, “Turning Blue”
2020 – Phoenix Gallery, NYC, Solo Exhibition, “Untitled”
2020 – Bubble Pop Gallery, Group Exhibition, “Rise”
2019 – Superfine Art Fair, Washington D.C.
2019 – Latela Curatorial, Duo-Exhibition, “Winter Showcase”
2019 – Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center, Group Exhibition, “Collectively Chromatic”
2019 – Tryst Gallery, Group Exhibition, “Orb”
2019 – Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center, Group Exhibition
2018 – The Byrne Gallery, Duo-Exhibition, “Coalesce”
2018 – Latela Art Gallery, Solo-Exhibition: “The Divide”
2018 – Willow Street Gallery, Group Exhibition: “We Met On Instagram”
2018 – Art Sweet Art Gallery, Solo-Exhibition: “Meet Me in Black and White”
2016 – Whimpop, Group Exhibition, “Color-Pop”
2016 – Killer ESP, Group Show; Untitled
2016 – District Doughnut, Group Show, Untitled

Features:

2020 – Artsy, Women in the Arts Panel Discussion Moderated by Mollie Berger Salah, curator at the National Gallery of Art
2020 – Northern Virginia Magazine, Feature Article: “Painter’s Plight, How Christine Olmstead Finds Light In the Dark”
2020 – Adoration Podcast Interview, Makenzie Hollar
2019 – Woven Tale Press, Artistic Review Fall 2019 Issue
2019 – Inside Artists Magazine Issue 16, Fall Winter 2019
2019 – The Visual Narrative Documentary Series – Bio Pic Feature
2018 – Middleburg Life Magazine “Coalesce” Feature
2018 – On Tap Magazine, “Coalesce” Feature
2018 – Minted Blog, Artist Spotlight
2018 – Saatchi Blog, Artist Spotlight
2018 – Tori Watson Blog, Artist Spotlight
2017 – Featured in Houzz Magazine

2017 – Featured Libby Living Colorfully Blog
2017 – Featured in Trendy Bride Magazine
2017 – Featured on Brett Denfiled Photography Blog
2017 – Featured on Rising Tide Society blog
2016 – Speaker at Ringle Market Conference Washington, D.C.
2016 – Speaker at Full Time Dream Documentary Premiere Washington, D.C.
2016 – Featured in Full Time Dream Feature Documentary
2016 – Featured on A Creative D.C. Blog
2016 – Featured in Contemporary Art Curator
2016 – Featured on Rated Modern Art Blog
2016 – Featured on Ruffled Blog
2016 – Featured on Colleen Ascosi Blog
2016 – Featured on Carden Interiors Blog
2016 – Featured in Style Me Pretty Magazine
2016 – Featured in Verity Varee Magazine:
2016 – Featured on Elizabeth Anne Designs Blog
2016 – Featured on Weddings Unveiled Magazine
2016 – Featured on Made With Love Journal Blog