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HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE 2024

GIVE THE GIFT OF ART

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The purpose of Essential Artists Dayton is to increase awareness, visibility and sales for the visual artists of the Miami Valley.

Whether you are a corporate buyer looking to acquire art for a new or existing building, a business or government official looking to exhibit art or an individual looking to add to your art collection or give art as a gift, Essential Artists Dayton is your local art connection.

- Connecting Artists, Buyers, and Art Appreciators through our online Artist Directory as well as our monthly calendar of visual art happenings in the Miami Valley
- Connecting Corporate and Institutional Buyers with local Artists through our "Buy Local Art" program
- Connecting Businesses, Property Managers, Restaurants, Coffee Shops, Retailers, Public Venues etc. with local Artists through our "Show Local Art" program
- Connecting Local Artists with art buyers and exhibitors though our Artist Directory

Here's what we're working on:

- There should be art in public spaces. We're talking to the airport.
- It would be wonderful to borrow a painting or sculpture just like you check out a book. We're talking to the library.
- Local art in apartment buildings and corporate spaces makes sense from business, creative and community perspectives. We're talking to architects, developers and property managers.

Essential Artists Dayton is free for artists to join.

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Artists


Amy Kollar Anderson


Tami Beale


Matt Blair


Beth Borchers


Alison Bour


Michelle Brandt


Kathleen Caffrey


Cindy Callahan


Heather Caulfield


Kim Ceccarelli


Ching Chung


Dave Crowell


Lori Daugherty


Robert Farley


Elisha Frontz


Christine Gaffney


Pam Geisel


Erin Smith Glenn


Roxanne Grooms


Linda Hart


Larry Hensel


Mikee Huber


Gretchen Durst Jacobs


Glenna Jennings


Erica Keener


Cydnie King


Bonnie Kuntz


Loura Lawrence


Barbara Mandell


Brian Mathus



Pat McClelland



Dayton Ohio Photos (Kevin Myers)



Jeremy Nickoson



Rebecca Rowley



Libby Rudolf



Kate Santucci



Shauna Schramke



Nancy Shuler



Art of Frozen Time (Jeff Smith)



Kurt Smolinski



Bruce Soifer



Marlene Steele



Emily von Stuckrad-Smolinski



Michael Surber



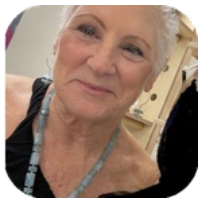
Lindsey Tribelhorn



Abiona Venee



Christy Veres



Jo Anne Vincent



Terry Welker



Ariel White



Lydia Williamson



Alisa H. Workman



Amy Kollar Anderson

Painting

Amy Kollar Anderson weaves surreal narratives with dense, layered textures, pairing patterns and colors in unexpected ways to explore tension, transformation, and environmental concerns through her vibrant, dreamlike paintings.

Website
Facebook
Instagram
Profile



The Den

14 x 14

Acrylic, glitter and pouring medium on panel

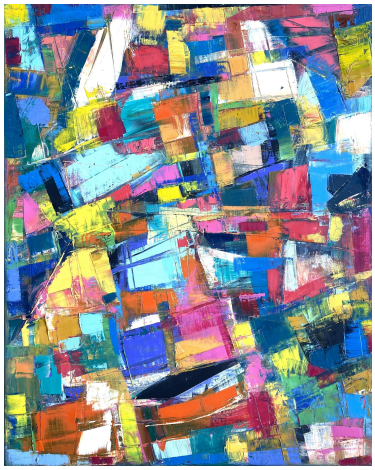


Tami Beale

Painting

Tami Beale's vibrant oil and mixed-media abstractions infuse spaces with geometric dynamism and bold beauty, marrying therapeutic expression with contemporary style.

Website
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Floating Circus

16"x 20"

oil on canvas



Matt Blair

Painting, Drawing

Capturing the beauty in urban imperfections, Matt Blair brings a playful, whimsical touch to his watercolors and sketches of Dayton's rich history, culture, and diversity.

Instagram Profile



Lorenz Publishing, Third Street

20x16

Pen and watercolor



Beth Borchers

Painting

Immersive, abstract art that unlocks the magic within. Beth Borchers' vibrant, soul-stirring paintings weave love, peace, and joy into a unique visual tapestry.

Website Profile



Lost in a Dream

22x22

Acrylic on Canvas

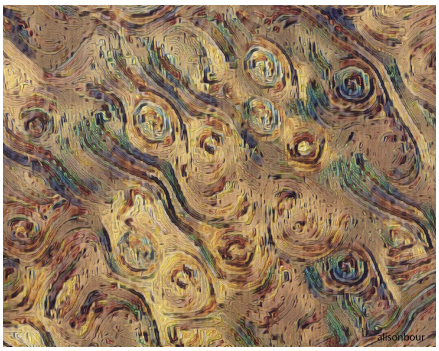


Alison Bour

Photography, Digital Art

Alison Bour combines photography, digital artistry, and organic process to create vibrant, abstract works that surprise and delight. Her unique fusion of traditional and contemporary techniques yields visually stunning 'happy accidents.'

Website
Profile



Forest for the Trees
Multiple Available
Digital Art



Original Source Image



"Baby, You're a Firework - prices vary by size & printed medium



Michelle Brandt

Painting

Meet Ms. Brandt, a self-taught artist infusing everyday joy into vibrant, impressionistic paintings of nature & life. Inspired by gardens, animals, and the beauty around her, she spreads love, happiness, & wellbeing through every brushstroke.

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Barn Owl
8"x10"
Acrylic on Gessoboard

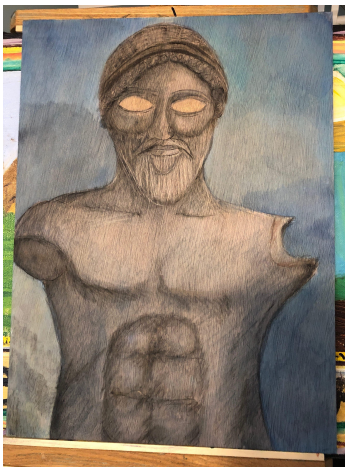


Kathleen Caffrey

Drawing, Fabric Arts, Painting, Printmaking

Anthrosercher weaves historical curiosity, mindfulness, and transformation into vibrant, medium-bending works that distill human experience into emotive, thought-provoking art.

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Poseidon

12x16

Multimedia on wood



Cindy Callahan

Painting

Cindy's vibrant, textured paintings weave color, form, and found materials into immersive experiences that celebrate the tactile and emotional potential of art.

Instagram
Profile



Circles in the Sand

14x18

Acrylics



Heather Caulfield

Drawing, Painting

Meet Heather Caulfield, a visionary artist blending traditional techniques with spiritual mysticism, capturing the soul on canvas as a 'Neptunian painter of innate emotion'.

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WhyWar
18x24
Oils and Acrylics



Kim Ceccarelli

Painting

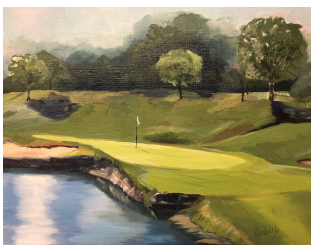
Kim Ceccarelli weaves vibrant oil and pastel narratives, fueled by her diverse upbringing, global travels, and experiences as a nurse, marrying intensity of light and shadow in emotive landscapes.

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Dripping Red Flower
40x30
Oil







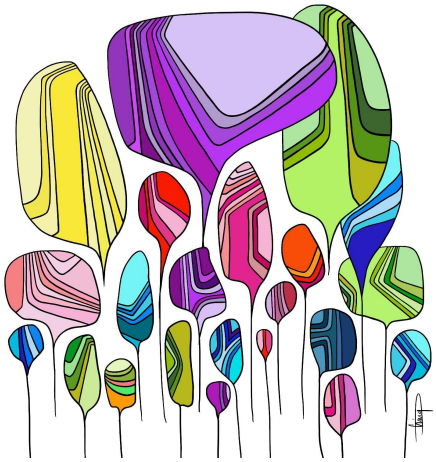


Ching Chung

Drawing, Digital Art

Ching weaves vibrant digital tapestries, infusing cultural heritage with playful design sensibilities, transporting viewers to realms of whimsical wonder.

Website
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Fan Club

12"x12"

Digital Art - to - Matte Print



Dave Crowell

Drawing, Painting, Assemblage, Sculpture

Visionary artist & designer, fueled by insatiable curiosity & passion for human experience, crafts authentic expressions that drive culture & ignite social engagement.

Website
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Engineer of a Past Future

Approximately 42"w x 36"h x 18"d

Assemblage



Lori Daugherty

Painting

Immersive abstract adventures await with Dayton-based artist Lori Daugherty, whose encaustic masterpieces weave vibrant textures, colors, and mystery into captivating journeys.

Website
Facebook
Instagram
Profile



It's a Swell Life

24" x 24" x 2.5"

Encaustic Mixed Media on Birch Panel



Robert Farley

Photography

Drifting between coasts, Robert captures the essence of America's diverse landscapes through a lens of wanderlust and wonder. His photography weaves tales of travel, nature, and urbanity.

Website
Facebook
Instagram
Profile



Reeds at Oakes Quarry

Photography



Elisha Frontz

Drawing, Fabric Arts, Painting, Sculpture, Mixed Media

Elisha Frontz weaves together mathematics, nature, and fiber art in intricate, interconnected tapestries, revealing the hidden harmonies of our world.

Website
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Instagram
Profile



River, Bending
37" x 37" x 4"
Mixed Media



Christine Gaffney

Drawing, Fabric Arts, Ceramics, Sculpture

Christine Gaffney subverts traditional portraiture, collapsing subject-object binaries through body-embedded sculpture, AI-generated imagery, and performance. Her work challenges patriarchal gazes, disability norms, and domestic expectations, blurring boundaries between art and life.

Website
Instagram
Profile



Expansive Self
Ceramic Sculpture



Pam Geisel

Fabric Arts

Pam Geisel weaves graphics, politics, and poetry into vibrant quilts that merge traditional craft with bold typographic statements, challenging perceptions and sparking conversations about social justice.

Website
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Lavender Diamonds
68" x 68"
Quilted Fiber



Erin Smith Glenn

Drawing, Fabric Arts, Painting, Mixed Media

Embracing creative fusion, Erin Morgan Smith Glenn merges artistic expression with social advocacy, harnessing imagination to drive growth and positivity, leaving an indelible mark on the world.

Website
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The Bold. The Bald. The Beautiful
24"x48"
acrylic paint on canvas



Roxanne Grooms

Mixed Media

Discover the harmonious fusion of discipline & whimsy in Roxanne's works, where vibrant circles dance amidst earthy textures, inviting viewers to weave their own narratives.

Website
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Instagram
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The Dream

18x14x1 inches

Mixed Media on Wood Panel









Linda Hart

Painting, Watercolor

Linda Hart's vibrant watercolors reveal the hidden beauty in decayed industrial landscapes, juxtaposing the raw with the delicate. Her dual passions for the natural world and urban grit infuse her art with a sense of wonder, inviting viewers to rediscover the overlooked.

Website
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Deconstructed Sunflowers and Love in the Mist

36" x 48" x 1.5"

Mixed Media- Watercolor and ink on Gallery Wrapped Canvas





Larry Hensel

Photography

Blending technical precision with creative flair, photographer Larry Hensel transforms everyday scenes into visually stunning works of art, elevating the ordinary to breathtaking beauty through his lens.

Website
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Ludlow & Fourth St.
Dayton

20 x 30

Digital Photography



Mikee Huber

Painting

Mikee Huber crafts vibrant abstracts from data-driven inspirations, marrying intuitive paintwork with visual data to evoke realms of possibility. Her dynamic series celebrate human connection & unity, weaving diverse threads into cohesive wholes.

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Urban Mosaic

30"h x 24"w x 1.5"d

acrylic

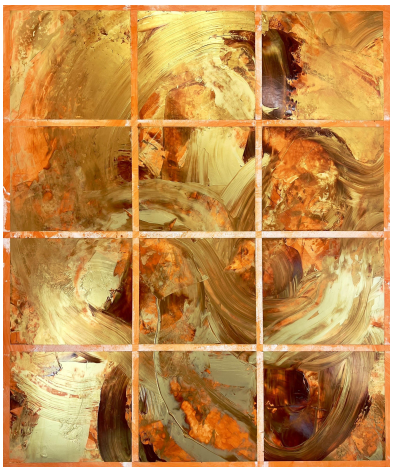


Gretchen Durst Jacobs

Drawing, Painting, Printmaking

Gretchen Durst Jacobs: Embodies feminine abstract painting through bodily scale, intuitive mark-making & carefully crafted grids. Her works evoke a sensual dialogue between nature, power, and self, redefining the canon of abstraction.

Website
Instagram
Profile



Gold Rush

42"x50"

acrylic on paper mounted to panel



Glenna Jennings

Photography, Social Practice, Performance

Glenna Jennings weaves global culinary cultures into intimate tablescapes, blurring borders & fostering connections through photography & socially-engaged art.

Website
Instagram
Profile



champagne and soup (London, England)

30" x 20"

archival inkjet print



Erica Keener

Drawing, Painting

Erica's vibrant pastels capture the dynamic beauty of nature, inviting viewers to reconsider the ordinary as extraordinary. Her works evoke wonder and awe, sharing the comfort she finds in fleeting moments of harmony between light, shadow, and color.

Website
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Scattering

12x24

Pastel



Cydnie King

Drawing, Painting

Cydnie L. King blurs human and nature boundaries, merging botanicals with figures in vibrant, fluid mediums, echoing her parents' urban yet natural upbringing. Her work explores humanity's inseparable connection to the environment, questioning our impact on nature through genetic modification.

Website
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Symbiosis (Circuits of Chloriciboria II)

14 x 17 inches

ink, ink wash and color pencil on paper



Bonnie Kuntz

Painting

Bonnie's vibrant watercolors & mixed media pieces reflect her spontaneous approach to art, embracing uncertainty as a creative catalyst. Blending Eastern healing philosophies with animal & landscape subjects, she invites viewers to experience the dynamic beauty of life's unpredictability.

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A Muddy Day at the Track
24 x28
Mixed Media





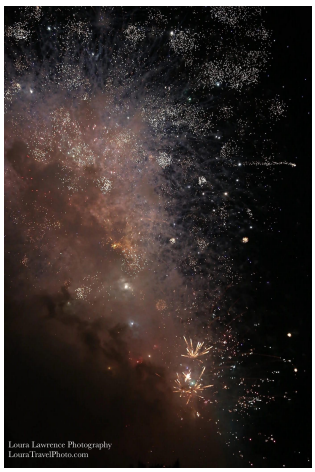


Loura Lawrence

Digital Art, Photography, Jewelry

Loura's lens captures the intimate beauty in small subjects, merging photojournalistic precision with impressionistic flair. Her multidisciplinary artistry weaves together photography, digital art, and handmade jewelry, infusing everyday moments with vibrant color and whimsical detail.

Website
Facebook
Instagram
Profile



A Star is Born
16x20"
Photography



Barbara Mandell

Drawing, Painting, Jewelry, Poetry, Fabric Arts, Photography, Flower Arrangement

Meet Barb Mandell, where whimsical Impressionism meets geometric flair. Her hand-crafted art blends vibrant hues & playful shapes, elevating any space with joy & generosity.

Profile





Brian Mathus

Drawing, Painting

Brian's vibrant, Fauvist-infused paintings dissolve societal prejudices, revealing the world with emotional clarity. His dynamic, layered works, infused with African art and abstract expressionism, capture the energy within us, inviting presence and connection.

Website
Instagram
Profile



Evening
Acrylic and Oil on Wood



Pat McClelland

Drawing, Painting, Printmaking

C. Pat McClelland weaves mathematical precision with intuitive complexity, juxtaposing order and chaos in vibrant, layered compositions that reveal the dynamic interplay between opposing forces.

Profile



Decending A One Day Apron

55 x 44

acrylic on canvas



Dayton Ohio Photos (Kevin Myers)

Photography

Documenting Dayton's nocturnal beauty, Kevin Myers captures the city's hidden grandeur through luminous nightscapes, juxtaposing urban grit with serene landscapes. A visual love letter to the Gem City and its surroundings.

Website
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Instagram
Profile



Oregon District Sunrise

6048x3785

Photography



Jeremy Nickoson

Photography

Jeremy's lens captures the untamed beauty of America's wild spaces, where adventure meets awe-inspiring landscapes and celestial wonders.

Website
Facebook
Instagram
Profile



Bond Falls Sunrise

10x20

Metal Print (1/2 inch float mount)



Rebecca Rowley

Printmaking

Rebecca Rowley weaves tender, linocut portraits of life, love, and loss, as seen through the monarch butterflies that brought her solace amidst grief. Her "collections of 3" evoke poignant connections between the natural world and human emotion.

Website
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The Monarch & The Sun

5" x 7"

linoprint



Libby Rudolf

Drawing, Painting

Rooted in childhood creativity and nurtured by workshops across the country, Libby Rudolf brings vibrant watercolors to life, capturing essence and emotion with bold brushstrokes, where color and form blend in harmonious dance.

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Spring Exuberance
28x36
Watercolor



Kate Santucci

Drawing, Painting, Sculpture

Kate Huser Santucci excavates humanity's symbiosis with nature through encaustic paintings that layer meaning, texture, and symbolism, inviting viewers to unravel complex narratives within the surface of her works.

Website
Facebook
Instagram
Profile



Odalisque
48" x 60"
Encaustic on wood



Shauna Schramke

Painting, Sculpture

Meet Shauna Schramke, where whimsy meets nuance. Her houses are characters - quirky portraits of introverts & misfits, brought to life in timescapes & portals, each one a testament to the beauty of imperfection.

Website
Facebook
Instagram
Profile



Choose Now
24" x 24" x 1.5"
Acrylic on canvas



Nancy Shuler

Drawing, Painting

Nancy Shuler weaves vibrant tapestries of color, texture & design, where dreams & reality intersect, inviting viewers on an artistic journey to pause, observe & appreciate life's splendor.

Website
Instagram
Profile



DYNAMIC SYMMETRY
40 H. X 30 X 2 in
Oil



Art of Frozen Time (Jeff Smith)

Photography

Jeff Smith, aka Art of Frozen Time, captures the fleeting magic of twilight, where patience, anticipation, and preparation meet stunning natural beauty, evoking awe and wonder in his Evidence-based design photography.

Website
Facebook
Instagram
Profile



Dayton Skyline at Sunset

30" x 45"

Framed Giclee Canvas Print

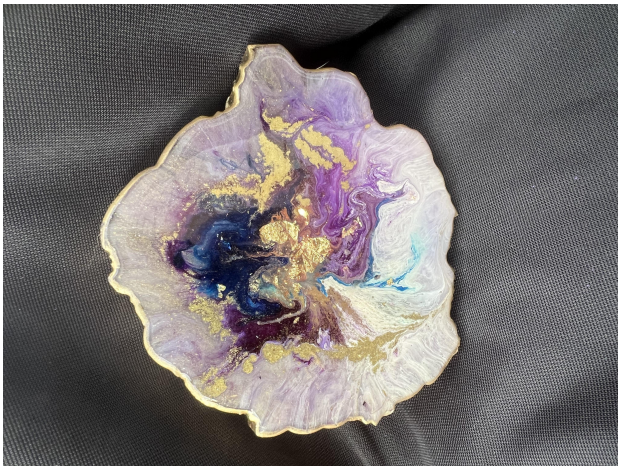


Kurt Smolinski

Drawing, Fabric Arts, Painting, Photography

Kurt's intuitive pours unleash vibrant explorations, where color and chance collide in mesmerizing, unbridled expressions.

Profile



Resin Coaster

3"x3"

Resin



Bruce Soifer

Painting, Photography

Multidisciplinary artist capturing the ephemeral moments of creative process: painter's brushstrokes, sculptor's hands, musician's movements. Where nature meets art, I chronicle the passion and beauty that unfolds.

Website
Facebook
Instagram
Profile



Sunrise at Lamar Valley

36x24

Photography



Marlene Steele

Painting

Transforming salvaged treasures into vibrant masterpieces, Marlene embodies the unpredictable beauty of creation, where mind & material merge in dynamic, daring colors.

Website
Facebook
Instagram
Profile



A Morning's View

30" x 40"

Clay paint, acrylic and texture medium



Emily von Stuckrad-Smolinski

Drawing, Painting, Fabric Arts, Photography

Dayton native Emily von Stuckrad-Smolinski blends theatre expertise with bold oil painting techniques, shattering boundaries to create textured masterpieces that burst with life.

Facebook Profile



Hand Picked
36"x36"
Mixed

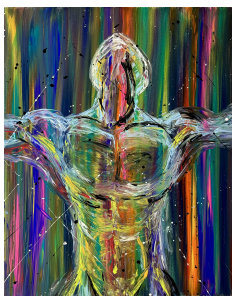


Michael Surber

Painting

Michael Surber weaves vibrant narratives through bold textures and hues, inviting viewers to discover their own stories within his poetic, primal, and colorful creations.

Website
Facebook
Instagram
Profile



Still Standing
24x30
Acrylic Pour Paint









Lindsey Tribelhorn

Drawing, Fabric Arts, Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture

Transcending reality through vibrant, multidisciplinary art, Lindsey transports viewers to alternate realms, challenging perception and awakening awareness with hallucinatory visions.

Website
Facebook
Instagram
Profile



Groovy
24"x24"
Acrylic



Abiona Venee

Glass, Jewelry

Exploring the boundaries between fragility and fortitude, Abiona Venee crafts captivating glass forms that reflect his mastery of medium and introspective perspective. From delicate beads to imposing hot shop creations, each piece embodies a unique fusion of technique and emotional depth.

Website
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Wavy Bowl
Blown Glass



Christy Veres

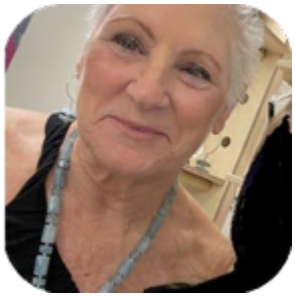
Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Woodburning, Etching

Christy Veres weaves Bohemian Folk magic with reclaimed materials, exploring diverse mediums to reimagine reality. Inspired by the natural world, her eclectic artistry defies categorization.

Website
Profile



DAISY DAZE
24x36
Mixed media



Jo Anne Vincent

Sculpture

Jo Anne Vincent weaves vibrant tales through intricately crafted jewelry, combining exotic beads with sterling silver and copper to create one-of-a-kind, globally-inspired masterpieces.

Facebook
Instagram
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Terry Welker

Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Public Art

Terry Welker weaves kinetic wonder into sculptural masterpieces, bridging architecture and nature with lightweight, suspended forms that dance in motion, inviting viewers to engage viscerally with the dynamic interplay between light, material, and space.

Website
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Fractal Rain

118 ft. x 36 ft. x 14 ft.

Stainless steel wire, 3768 prisms



Ariel White

Painting, Digital Art

Ariel White transforms the ordinary into whimsical wonder with vibrant cartoons that celebrate the quirky charm of animals, inviting us to laugh, play, and rediscover joy in the everyday.

Website
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You're Icky

24x24

Acrylic on canvas

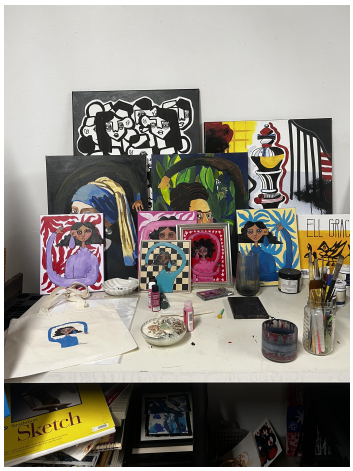


Lydia Williamson

Drawing, Painting

Meet Lydia Williamson, whose vibrant 'Noodle People' series invites you into the whimsical world of human experience, where humor, awkwardness, and freedom collide in playful, abstract explorations.

Instagram
Profile



My Studio Table
Mixed Media



Alisa H. Workman

Painting

Alisa Workman transforms darkness into vibrant brilliance, infusing her floral paintings with emotional depth and colorful energy, where the beauty of nature meets personal resilience.

Website
Facebook
Instagram
Profile



She Likes to Drink a Bottled Frappuccino Every Day Before Noon
48"x24"x1.5"
Acrylic on Canvas

ESSENTIAL ARTISTS DAYTON IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN

the collaboratory
unleashing dayton's potential

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