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FINE ART AUCTION

Melissa Payne Baker

“Through my art, I love to celebrate the beauty around us, layer by layer, unfolding life through color and texture onto my canvas. Different mediums allow me to express my vision in my abstract work. Strongly influenced by interior design, my art flows onto walls creating movement on the canvas yet calming emotions within the viewer. I strive to convey the sense of calmness through the complexities of life. These emotions, I paint from my heart and I hope my collectors feel each time they view my work.” -Melissa Payne Baker

Melissa Payne Baker’s enthusiastic love for life infuses richness and elegance into each of her canvases. She is best known for her abstract paintings that drip with her creative palettes, texture and form. She began her professional art career in 2006 and it quickly evolved into a full time business. Melissa creates places for the eye to roam over the canvas with her unique perspective and artistic style, which are still what attracts clients, from collectors to designers across the country. With a passion for art and interior design, Melissa pours her talents into each abstract painting that she creates. From traditional interiors to contemporary, her abstract artwork creates the perfect layer to any decor.

This Southern artist found her passion for art early in life, learning from generations of artisans. Now, Melissa spends her days in her Atlanta studio with her cat Gesso. If not painting, she is chasing her young son, Payne, who keeps her creativity in full bloom.

Her work has been published in Traditional Homes, House Beautiful, Southern Home, Southern Lady, Cottage Journal, The Atlantan, Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles, VIE to Nashville Arts. Her work has been featured in designer show houses across the Southeast including the The Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles Southeastern Designer show house. Melissa has provided her art to fundraising events throughout the Southeast including Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Children’s HealthCare of Atlanta, the American Heart Association, The Comprehensive Cancer Center and more.

Melissa felt the need for smaller artsy pieces and created an extension of her brand, Art For Every Palette. This unique hand painted collection includes a line of hand painted glassware. These jewels have been highlighted at the Atlanta Neiman Marcus Holiday Pop-Up Shop, Spotlight on Art in Atlanta and featured in Southern Lady and Good Grit magazine. You can find yours in boutiques and galleries around the Southeast including custom palettes at the Grand Bohemian Hotels. Always evolving, other items pop up including hand painted candles, pillows and earrings. In 2019, Art For Every Palette was named by StyleBlueprint as “10 Southern Brands You Should Know About”.

A unique collaboration with fine art mirror artist Stacy Milburn began in 2017 and has caught the attention of designers and galleries across the country. Melissa and Stacy’s talents blend together well to create unique pieces that reflect light and color throughout a room. These abstract mirrors flow well with other artwork creating quite the conversation pieces.

Melissa’s art career quickly became a full time business but she never loses focus on what is really important, creating art that touches the heart of the viewer. You could say that she has mastered her art but she would say that it is just the beginning, the best is yet to come.