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I am a painter living and working in the Queen Anne neighborhood of Seattle. I have mostly been working with acrylic and mixed media but now also paint with oil. I am a member of the Women Painters of Washington, the Puget Sound Group of Northwest Artists, and the Plein Air Washington Artists. On my spare time I take trips with my family to natural areas preferably with bodies of water where I take photos to my hearts content.

After receiving a BFA in Fine Arts-Painting from the University of Houston and 20 years of studio work, I continue to be inspired by

nature and work in the representational style. I now may also join a realistic subject with mixed media. My abstract work is about letting the result surprise you after putting automatic and impulsive actions in a sequence. You don't always know what will happen or how it will look. It is about satisfying your impulses and making the mark that comes from within. An intuitive process of layering collage with mixed media, letting the marking actions transform your painting into something you would not have thought of.



Catalina Mercado at her previous studio in Magnolia, Seattle, WA, 2022

Whether it's an intuitive abstract piece or realistic rendering my works are capsules of color. I mostly choose muted, vintage colors unless as I'm working the present layout calls for a vibrant hue as a contradictory or complimentary element. As the colors are placed next to each other they start to interact. That's where the fun begins!

I created "A Mother's Love" by choosing an image I could really connect to. I used acrylics for the majority of it with collage for the background. At the time my child was going through a major personal life transition that was consuming all of our family's everyday lives. Despite all of this, this painting captures a moment that reflects what truly matters, the everlasting unconditional mother's love and the love we have for each other.



Catalina Mercado at the Maple Valley Days Juried Art Exhibition, June 2022. "Hot Summer Day," 36"x24," Acrylic and paper on stretched canvas.



"Crossing Through," 20"x16," Mixed media on stretched canvas



"Let the Order Out," 20"x24," Mixed media on stretched canvas

Juried Exhibitions

- 2023 The Oldfield Spring Invitational, Puyallup, WA, Fred Oldfield Western Heritage and Art Center, WA State Spring Fair, April 8-29
- 2023 Light and Renewal, Blakely Hall, Issaquah, WA, The Puget Sound Group Northwest Artists, April 1-June 30
- 2022 Small Expressions, Port Townsend, WA, Northwind Art, Nov
- 2022 Color and Light, Stanwood, WA, the Guided Gallery,
- 2022 Winter Show of Small Works and Miniatures, Kirkland, WA, Parklane Gallery
- 2022 The Great Annual NW Art Exhibition, Camano Island, WA, The Puget Sound Group Northwest Artists, Matzke Fine Art Gallery
- 2022 Crows and Ravens, Lk Forest Pk, WA, Red Sky Gallery
- 2022 42nd Annual Juried Art Show, Mountlake Terrace, WA, Arts of the Terrace,
- 2022 20th Annual Open Juried Show, Gig Harbor, WA, Peninsula Art League
- 2022 60th Artists' Alpine Holiday Fine Arts Exhibit, Ouray, Colorado, Ouray County Arts Association
- 2022 Maple Valley Arts Fest Juried Art Show, Maple Valley, WA, I received the MVCAC Membership Award and Prize
- 2022 Hello Summer! Edmonds, WA, The Puget Sound Group Northwest Artists

Festivals & Other Exhibitions

- 2023 Firehouse Gallery Show, Camano Island Studio Tour, May 11-14, 20-21
- 2023 Art at the Farmer's Market, SRP Farmer's Market, Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, Mt Vernon, WA, April
- 2023 Habitude Hair Salon-Fremont Solo Exhibition, LoCA.art, March 9-June 9
- 2022 Second and Vine Dental Solo Exhibition, LoCA.art, Dec 9-March 9
- 2022 Holiday on the Bay @ Port of Everett, Dec 3

