

# Artist Statement

## **Fifi (Fatma Massoud)**

Abstract Painter — Palo Alto, California

I am a self-taught abstract painter based in California. I work primarily with acrylic paint and occasionally incorporate oil in a mixed-media approach. Under the name “Fifi,” I explore the expressive and intuitive side of my artistic voice, translating emotion, movement, and natural rhythms into layered abstract compositions.

My work is inspired by the beauty and energy of the natural world — flowing water, botanical forms, shifting light, and the vibrant colors found in nature. Through layered color, blending, and organic shapes, I aim to create abstract landscapes that evoke depth, movement, and emotional resonance.

My paintings develop slowly through many layers. I often work wet-on-wet to blend colors and create organic transitions, while other layers are built after the surface dries. Rather than planning a composition in advance, I approach each canvas intuitively and allow the painting itself to guide the process. Forms gradually emerge through the interaction of color, texture, and movement.

When the composition begins to settle into balance, I step back and refine the painting with subtle adjustments and small touches. This intuitive process allows each work to evolve naturally and develop its own visual atmosphere.

I work primarily with brushes and rubber brushes to build soft transitions, depth, and luminosity within the paint surface. Through my work, I hope to create spaces where viewers can pause, reflect, and connect emotionally with color and form.

My work has been exhibited internationally, including a solo exhibition in Kyoto, Japan, and has received recognition in several juried art competitions.