Maya Leites



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ABOUT

Maya Leites is a Bainbridge Island, Washington-based artist with a background in architecture. She holds a B.Arch from the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology and a M.Arch from the University of Washington. Alongside her career as an artist, Maya is also a classical musician, educator, and parent. She has founded several community-based art initiatives, including ArTchitecture - kids studio, a creative space designed to help children explore the realms of art and architecture, and Discover Arts in the Park, a non-profit organization based in Seattle. Maya's artwork is focused on capturing the essence of form, space, time, and sound through her paintings.

STATEMENT

As an artist, I believe that art is a powerful mode of communication that goes beyond words. My passion for architecture and music, coupled with my travels, has instilled in me a deep interest in understanding how human beings experience and interact with their environment. For me, every painting is a new adventure in discovering unique ideas, concepts, and techniques; each artwork tells a different story and presents both intellectual and practical challenges. Through my art, I strive to explore the depths of the human experience and bring new perspectives to light.

PROFILE

Maya, born in Israel in 1974, has been practicing art since her early years and held several solo exhibits while still in high school. Mentored by the late artist Riva Katz during her formative years, Maya went on to pursue a career in Architecture before rediscovering her passion for painting in 2020. While she did take some classes at the Gage Academy in Seattle under the instruction of artists such as Mark Kang-O'Higgins, Gary Faigin, and Terry Furchgott, Maya considers herself mostly self-taught. Her preferred mediums include acrylics, oil paints, charcoal, pastels, and ink.

QUALIFICATIONS

University of Washington, Seattle, WA Rome Center, University of Washington, Rome, Italy Gage Academy of Fine Arts, Seattle, WA Technion - Israel Institute of Technology Polytechnic of Milan, Italy Centro Linguistico Italiano "Dante Alighieri", Florence, Italy

EXHIBITIONS

March 2023 ArtMa Group Exhibit: Plantasia / Slip Gallery / Seattle, WA April-June 2023 Diana K. Carey Gallery: Solo exhibit / Center for Chamber Music / Seattle, WA May 2023 Art Vancouver: International Art Fair / Vancouver Convention Center / Vancouver BC, Canada June 2023 BI Museum of Art: Spotlight Group Exhibit / Bainbridge Island, WA August 2023 BI Summer Studio Tour: Studio Open House / Bainbridge Island, WA