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Artist Statement

Yolanda Kennison is a central Kentucky artist whose paintings are inspired by nature, music and her imagination. Yolanda's abstract, floral and landscape paintings dare the viewer to think differently for a moment, embrace the imperfect and be surprised for a journey that takes an intimate look at our colorful surroundings. Soft, faint, gentle colors are often combined with strong, vibrant, bold colors to create a mood, revive a memory, renew our senses, and promote hope, healing and joy.

Using oil or acrylic paint, the surface receives texture, dimension and color in multiple layers. A combination of brushes, palette knives and mark-making tools are used to blend colors or create an energetic moment on the canvas.

Education

1978 – 1982 Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond
Bachelor of Science degree, majored in interior design Studies include art history, drawing, painting, decorative arts and color theory

Selected Exhibitions

2025	When the Earth Sleeps, Martine's Pastries, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
2025	Seeing Red, Artists' Attic Associates Show, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
2025	Silk Stories & Canvas Chronicles @ Artists' Attic, Lexington, KY (two-person exhibition)
2025	The Twenty, Endless Summer, Bleubird Studio+Suites, Georgetown, KY (group exhibition)
2025	Arts Connect-Incognito Art Ball, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
2024	Tiny Treasures, Artists' Attic, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
2024	Arts & Health Exhibition, LexArts, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
2024	Beauty is in the Living, Sanctuary, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
2024	Follow your Dreams - Art Gallery Opening, Bleubird Studio + Suites, Georgetown, KY (two-person exhibition)
2024	The Twenty, Art at the Cathedral, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
2024	Blue Hues, Artists Attic Associates Show, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
2024	Governor's Derby Exhibit, Commonwealth Landscapes, Frankfort, KY (group exhibition)
2024	Artists' Attic Member Show, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
2024	Junior League of Lexington, Featured Artist for LexArts Hop, Lexington, Ky (solo exhibition)

- 2024 Drawn by Color Winter Group Show, Arts Connect, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
- 2023 Art by Nature, The Living Arts & Science Center, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
- 2023 Original Art...Bringing Spaces to Life, Century 21 Advantage Open House & Art Exhibit, Lexington, KY (solo exhibition)
- 2023 Looking at You, Arts Connect, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
- 2023 Governor's Derby Exhibit - Resilience, Kentucky Capitol, Frankfort, KY (group exhibition)
- 2023 Artists' Attic 35th Anniversary Show, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
- 2023 Lexington Art League Members Show, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
- 2022 Art by Nature, Lexington Art League, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
- 2022 How to be Beautiful, Arts Connect, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)
- 2022 Art Squared, Louisville Visual Art, Louisville, KY (group exhibition)
- 2022 Healing Power of Color Exhibition, (online group exhibition)
- 2022 Team Kentucky Art Gallery, Kentucky Capitol, Frankfort, KY (group exhibition)
- 2020 Sound Drops from a Brooklyn Exhibition, collaborative artist with music composed and performed by Margin Alexander, Brooklyn, NY (group exhibition)
- 2020 Lexington Art League Members Show, Lexington, KY (group exhibition)

Collections

DV8 Kitchen, Table Art, Lexington, Kentucky
 University of Kentucky Healthcare, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Dermatology, Lexington
 University of Kentucky Healthcare, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Lexington, Kentucky
 University of Kentucky Healthcare, Markey Cancer Center, Lexington, Kentucky
 University of Kentucky Healthcare, Bluegrass Care Clinic, Lexington, Kentucky
 University of Kentucky Healthcare, Turfland Hand Center, Lexington, Kentucky
 Private collections, Lexington, Kentucky
 Private collections, Fort Worth, Texas

Gallery Representation

Artist Attic, Lexington, Kentucky
 ArtHouse Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
 ARTSPACE, Versailles, Kentucky
 Xanadu Gallery Catalog, Scottsdale, Arizona

Juried Art Fairs

- 2026 Cherokee Triangle Art Fair, Louisville, Kentucky
- 2026-2023 The Kentucky Crafted Market, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, Kentucky
- 2025-2023 Woodland Art Fair, Woodland Park, Lexington, Kentucky
- 2024 CBIZ Somerset Penrod Arts Fair, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2024 Indiana Market Place, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2024 Arts on the Green, Maple Park, Crestwood, Kentucky

Kentucky Crafted

In October 2022, Yolanda became one of 28 artists from across the Commonwealth selected for Kentucky Crafted, the Kentucky Art Council's adjudicated program that supports Kentucky visual and craft artists through marketing and promotional opportunities and art business training.