

## **Melissa Brauen, Artist**

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I started my professional artist journey many years ago creating commissioned portraits. After following other pursuits, I returned to my creative roots with dedication to honing my artistic skills.

I studied the arts throughout my life in traditional and non-traditional venues, virtual training, and live workshops. I currently maintain a steady studio practice, honing these skills using intuitive processes and exploration.

### **Exhibitions**

2024 Juried Group, The Arts, Hancock (MS) Nat'l Competition "*Secret Cove*"

2023 Juried Group, The Arts, Hancock (MS) "*Distant Memory*"

2022 Juried Group, The Arts, Hancock (MS) "*Shook*" and "*Aglow*"

2020-2021 None: Covid Times

2019 Winter Juried Group, The Arts, Hancock (MS) "*Emerging Territory*"

2019 Spring Juried Group, The Arts, Hancock (MS) "*Dormant Dream*"

2018 Juried Group, Arts Alive! "*Day after Day*"

### **Other Exhibitions**

2026 Art Pilgrimage Walkabout at Walter Anderson Museum of Art

2025 Art Pilgrimage Walkabout at Gail Keenen Art Center

2022 White Linen Night, Fair, Waveland, MS

2022 Arts Alive! Show and Fair, Bay St Louis, MS

2021 Group P'ARTake Annual Members Exhibit, Ocean Springs, MS

2019 Group P'ARTake Annual Members Exhibit, Ocean Springs, MS

2019 Juried Group, The Arts, Hancock on view at Studio Waveland Gallery, Waveland, MS

2018 Group P'ARTake Annual Members Exhibit, Ocean Springs, MS

### **Awards**

2024 "*Secret Cove*" - Honorable Mention

2019 "*Emerging Territory*" - 2nd Place in category

2018 "*Day after Day*" - Honorable Mention

### **Collections**

Private collections throughout Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Virginia

### **Memberships**

2018- present The Arts, Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, MS

2017 -2021 Ocean Springs art Association, Ocean Springs, MS