



Mission Honoree Bio



Maria Sammartino was born into a family of artists, and has spent many years creating art alongside her grandfather and brother. After being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2009, she found herself immersed in painting on a daily basis in order to help alleviate the physical pain that MS can cause. Maria has been a featured artist in local South Jersey juried shows and exhibitions, and currently has paintings hanging at the Perelman Center in Philadelphia, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, and Medford Community Center, she has a one woman show scheduled for September 2018, at the Moorestown Library Gallery.

Maria has always been drawn and intrigued by abstract art in landscape scenes and everyday life, and thus presents the viewer with a challenge in self-described “imagined landscapes” and abstract art that often defy rules of perspective and dimension. Each painting is different from the next, and not easily described. She mixes her vibrant palette in what seems to be endless layers and texture, challenging the viewer to label or describe them easily.

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