



CARLA FORREST FINE ART

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ARTIST'S STATEMENT

I approach art as an observer of the soul, enlightening the viewer about the presence, wonder, and dignity of nature and life. I want the viewer to value place and person in a space of spirit and heart and bring this illumination into their personal environments. While painting, I think about scale and how insignificant and unimportant we are in relation to the natural elements like sky, mountains, rivers, foliage, and fauna. I think about light—warmth and cool—and the play of highlight and shadow, and how nurturing our sun is in the cycle of life. This direct observation of nature and presence inspires my spectral luminescent works. My plein air and object abstract pieces are created through a complex layering painting process starting with brushes and then layering tiles of color and striations using pallet knives and other mark-making tools and materials. My palette and three-dimensional form come from what I see in U.S.A.'s Southwestern landscape—full spectrum colors and stellar shapes, not just greens, blues, and square angles. I just love New Mexico! It is a painter's paradise.

A portion of my artwork sale proceeds are donated to nonprofit environmental organizations that align with my personal artistic mission which integrates awareness of environmental conservation, community connectivity, and creativity.

BIOGRAPHY

Award-winning contemporary artist Carla Forrest paints the New West in her spectral luminescent works, inspired by direct observation of nature and life. Forrest attributes her love of impasto painting to her undergraduate study of sculpture and modernism. She is a first-generation Russian American who is inspired by contemporary Russian impressionism and the Pointillists' method of placing two colors side by side to let the eye blend them into another color.

Honored as a Local Treasure by the Albuquerque Arts Business Association, Forrest's personal artistic mission integrates awareness of environmental conservation, community connectivity, and creativity. As the first-elected President of the Plein Air Painters of New Mexico, Forrest expanded the fledging non-profit's integrated mission into an artistic community dedicated to preserving and promoting painting en plein air – in the open air or outdoors – and an internationally recognized artistic organization that heartens public awareness about the natural, historic, cultural, educational, and recreational aspects of conservation and critical water issues in New Mexico. Forrest obtained her Bachelor of Arts in studio art from State University of New York, Master of Science in Teaching Visual Arts from Rochester Institute of Technology, and Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Learning and Instructional Technologies from University of New Mexico.

EDUCATION

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, Doctor of Philosophy (2006)
Rochester Institute of Technology, Master of Science in Teaching Visual Arts (1974)
State University of New York, Oneonta, Bachelor of Arts (1974)

ASSOCIATIONS

Albuquerque Arts Business Association
New Mexico Art League
New Mexico Wilderness Alliance
Plein Air Artists of Colorado
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico, President (2009-2010)
Rio Grande Art Association

FILM PRODUCTION CREDITS

Golden River of Dreams, Silk Road Movie, LLC
Landscape, Northern Entertainment Productions, LLC

PUBLICATIONS

Article, *Building Layers in a Palette Knife Painting* by Bob Bahr, *Outdoor Painter*, December, 2013
Article, *Show Preview | Carla Forrest & Lee McVey*, *Southwest Art*, July 15, 2015
Article, *Show Preview | Plein Air Painters of New Mexico*, *Southwest Art*, October 15, 2018
Cover Image, *Summer Solace*, *Bulletin of the State Bar of New Mexico*, July 11, 2018 issue (Vol. 57, No. 28)
Cover Image, *La Cueva*, *Bulletin of the State Bar of New Mexico*, July 24, 2019 issue (Vol. 58, No. 15)
Cover Image, *View from the Crest*, *Bulletin of the State Bar of New Mexico*, August 12, 2020 issue (Vol. 59 No. 15)
Guest Appearance, [Join Professional Artists, Plein Air Land-Scapers for Outdoor Painting](#), by: Allison Keys, KRQE TV-13 (FOX), Albuquerque, February 5, 2020

EXHIBITIONS, EVENTS, AND HONORS

2021

BoldBrush International Painting Competition, FAV15% (Staff Choice)
Range of View, Two Woman Show, Weyrich Gallery, Albuquerque
The Art of the Quarantine, Invitational Group Show, Gallery with A Cause, Albuquerque

2020

Albuquerque Arts Business Association ARTScrawl, Carla Forrest Fine Art Studio & Gallery, Albuquerque
Albuquerque Arts Business Association Mezzanine Gallery Display, Hotel Andaluz, Albuquerque
Albuquerque Arts Business Association Meet the Artist Series, Carla Forrest Fine Art Studio & Gallery, Albuquerque
Anderson-Abruzzo International Balloon Museum Foundation Inaugural Art Exhibition, Albuquerque
Eleventh Annual People's Art Show, Group Show, 5G Gallery, Albuquerque
Movers and Shakers: Works by Artists who Teach, Lead, and Inspire, Gallery with A Cause, Albuquerque
Plein Air Artists of Colorado National Juried Exhibition, Wilder Nightingale Fine Art, Taos
South Valley Visions, Lecture: Eye of the Artist, Gutierrez-Hubbell House Museum, Albuquerque
Stormy Weather, Juried Group Show, New Mexico Art League, Albuquerque

2019

Albuquerque Arts Business Association ARTScrawl, Carla Forrest Fine Art Studio & Gallery, Albuquerque
Albuquerque Arts Business Association Mezzanine Gallery Display, Hotel Andaluz, Albuquerque
Albuquerque Arts Business Association Meet the Artist Series, Carla Forrest Fine Art Studio & Gallery, Albuquerque
Albuquerque Parade of Gardens, Invitational Paintout and Show, Albuquerque
Black & White, Juried Group Show, New Mexico Art League, Albuquerque
Churches of New Mexico, Invitational Group Show, Sumner & Dene Gallery, Albuquerque
Corrales Garden Tour, Invitational Paintout and Show, Corrales Fine Arts Studio, Corrales, New Mexico
¡ENCANTADA!, Juried Painting Exhibition, Expo Fine Art Gallery, Albuquerque – *First Place, Small Works*
Enchanted Lands, Solo Show, Carla Forrest Fine Art Studio & Gallery, Albuquerque
Fiestas de Albuquerque, Art Festival, Old Town Albuquerque
New Mexico State Fair Professional Artists Exhibition, Juried Group Show, Expo Fine Art Gallery, Albuquerque
Painting the New West, Solo Show, Carla Forrest Fine Art Studio & Gallery, Albuquerque
Placitas Garden Tour, Invitational Paintout and Show, Placitas, New Mexico
Plein Air Artists of Colorado All Members Show, Museum of Friends, Walsenburg, Colorado

Plein Air Painters of New Mexico Eleventh National Juried Exhibition, Santa Fe Art Collector Gallery, Santa Fe
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico Members Paintout and Show, Jemez Fine Art Gallery, Jemez Springs, New Mexico
Plein Air Artists of Colorado National Show, Juried Group Show, Studio 8369 Gallery, Grand Lake, Colorado
South Valley Visions, Invitational Group Show, Gutierrez-Hubbell House Museum, Albuquerque
Taos Fall Arts Exhibition, Invitational Group Show, Guadalupe Parish Gymnasium, Taos
Tenth Annual People's Art Show, Group Show, 5G Gallery, Albuquerque
The Sky's the Limit, Juried Group Show, New Mexico Art League, Albuquerque
Water: The Essence of Life, Group Show, Art Gallery 606, Albuquerque

2018

Albuquerque Arts Business Association ARTful Saturday, Carla Forrest Fine Art Studio & Gallery, Albuquerque
Albuquerque Arts Business Association ARTScrawl, Carla Forrest Fine Art Studio & Gallery, Albuquerque
Albuquerque Arts Business Association Display, Hotel Andaluz, Albuquerque
Art of the Flower, Juried Group Show, New Mexico Art League, Albuquerque
Corrales Garden Tour, Invitational Show, Corrales Fine Arts Studio, Corrales, New Mexico
¡ENCANTADA!, Juried Painting Exhibition, Expo Fine Art Gallery, Albuquerque
Lay of the Land, Juried Group Show, New Mexico Art League, Albuquerque
New Mexico State Fair Professional Artists Exhibition, Juried Group Show, Expo Fine Art Gallery, Albuquerque
Ninth Annual People's Art Show, Group Show, 5G Gallery, Albuquerque
Plein Air Artists of Colorado National Juried Show, Sorrel Sky Gallery, Durango, Colorado
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico Members Show, Fuller Lodge, Los Alamos, New Mexico
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico Tenth National Juried Exhibition, Sorrel Sky Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Plein Air Painting Exhibition, Invitational Group Show, Eula Mae Edwards Museum and Gallery, Clovis, New Mexico
Plein Air Southwest, Juried Paintout and Show, Wind Way Gallery and Rockport Arts Center, Rockport, Texas
Santa Fe Plein Air Fiesta, Juried Paintout and Show, Sorrel Sky Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
The Architecture of Beauty: Works by Prominent New Mexico Artists, Invitational Group Show, Gallery with A Cause, Albuquerque
Wild Rivers Plein Air, Paintout and Show, Questa Creative Council, Questa, New Mexico

2017

Corrales Garden Tour, Invitational Paintout and Show, Corrales Fine Arts, Corrales
Cutting Out Homelessness, Invitational Group Show and Benefit Sale, Square Root Salon, Albuquerque
Eight Annual People's Art Show, Group Show, 5G Gallery, Albuquerque
¡ENCANTADA!, Juried Painting Exhibition, Expo Fine Art Gallery, Albuquerque – *Holbein Award of Excellence*
Local Treasures Exhibition, Invitational Group Show, Gallery with A Cause, Albuquerque
New Mexico State Fair Professional Artists Exhibition, Juried Group Show, Expo Fine Art Gallery, Albuquerque
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico Ninth Annual Juried Exhibition, Sorrel Sky Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Quench: Water in the Desert, Juried Group Show, New Mexico Art League, Albuquerque
Rio Grande Water Festival, Invitational Group Show and Benefit Sale, Sawmill Village Plaza, Albuquerque

2016

Arizona Plein Air Painters Members Show, Scottsdale Art School, Scottsdale, Arizona
Art Cocoon Autumn 2016 Plein Air Contest - *Winner*
Corrales Garden Tour, Invitational Paintout and Show, Frame-n-Art Gallery, Corrales, New Mexico
Cutting Out Homelessness, Invitational Group Show and Benefit Sale, Square Root Salon, Albuquerque
¡ENCANTADA!, Juried Painting Exhibition, Expo Fine Art Gallery, Albuquerque
New Mexico State Fair Professional Artists Exhibition, Juried Group Show, Expo Fine Art Gallery, Albuquerque
Outdoor Painters Society Associate Members Show Case, Dallas, Texas
Plein Air Artists Colorado 20th Annual National Juried Fine Art Exhibition, Mary Williams Fine Arts Gallery, Boulder
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico Eight Annual Juried Exhibition, Sorrel Sky Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Plein Air Southwest Salon, Juried Group Show, Southwest Gallery, Dallas, Texas
Rio Grande Arts Association Members' Show, Sacred Arts Gallery, Albuquerque
Seventh Annual People's Art Show, Group Show, 5G Gallery, Albuquerque

2015

Corrales Starry Night, Invitational Group Paintout and Show, Villa Acequia, Corrales, New Mexico

Cutting Out Homelessness, Invitational Group Show and Benefit Sale, Square Root Salon, Albuquerque
¡ENCANTADA!, Juried Painting Exhibition, Expo Fine Art Gallery, Albuquerque
Landscape Connections, Duo Show, Purple Sage Gallery, Albuquerque
Local Treasure Exhibition, Solo Show, Purple Sage Gallery, Albuquerque
Local Treasures Recognition, Albuquerque Museum of Art, Albuquerque
Outdoor Painters Society Associate Members' Show Case, Dallas, Texas
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico Seventh Annual Juried Exhibition, Santa Fe Art Collector Gallery, Santa Fe
Rio Grande Art Association Members Exhibition, Albuquerque
Sixth Annual People's Art Show, Group Show, Factory on 5th Art Space, 5G Gallery, Albuquerque
Water in the Desert, Invitational Group Show and Benefit Sale, Sawmill Artists' Lofts, Albuquerque

2014

American Salon of Fine Arts, Juried Group Show, The Western States Arts Federation, Denver, Colorado
Corrales Starry Night, Invitational Group Paintout and Show, Corrales, New Mexico (Judge and Exhibitor)
¡ENCANTADA!, Juried Painting Exhibition, Expo Fine Art Gallery, Albuquerque
Featured Artist Solo Show, Purple Sage Galeria, Albuquerque
Fifth Annual People's Art Show, Group Show, Factory on 5th Art Space, 5G Gallery, Albuquerque
Outdoor Painters Society Associate Members Show Case, Dallas, Texas
Plein Air Southwest Salon, Juried Group Show, Southwest Gallery, Dallas, Texas
The Art of the Flower, Juried Group Show, New Mexico Art League, Albuquerque

2013

¡ENCANTADA!, Juried Painting Exhibition, Expo Fine Art Gallery, Albuquerque
Featured Artist Solo Show, Purple Sage Galeria, Albuquerque
Fourth Annual People's Art Show, Group Show, Factory on 5th Art Space, 5G Gallery, Albuquerque
Outpost Performance Space Members' Exhibition, Albuquerque
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico Fifth Annual Juried Exhibition, Millicent Rogers Museum, Taos

2012

6" Squared, Juried Group Show, Randy Higbee Gallery, Costa Mesa, California
100 Northern New Mexico Artists, Invitational Group Show, Johnsons of Madrid Galleries, Madrid, New Mexico
Art in the Parks, Juried Group Show, New Mexico Art League, Albuquerque
Plein Air Moab, Paintout and Show, Moab, Utah
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico Fourth Annual Juried Exhibition, African American Performing Arts Center,
Albuquerque

2011

6" Squared, Juried Group Show, Randy Higbee Gallery, Costa Mesa, California
Land and Light, Juried Group Show, Millicent Rogers Museum, Taos
Land of Enchantment, Invitational Group Show, Johnsons of Madrid Gallery, Madrid, New Mexico
Little Gems, Juried Group Show, Albuquerque Open Space Visitors' Center, Albuquerque
Plein Air Moab Paintout Exhibition, Moab, Utah
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico Juried Show Winners' Exhibit, Albuquerque
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico Members' Show, Johnsons of Madrid Gallery, Madrid, New Mexico

2010

Art in the Parks, Juried Group Show, New Mexico Art League, Albuquerque – *Honorable Mention*
Little Gems, Juried Group Show, Albuquerque Open Space Visitors' Center, Albuquerque
The Spirit of Place, Juried Group Show, Millicent Rogers Museum, Taos, New Mexico

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