

Erika Lawrence

Erika Lawrence, a *Visionary Artist*, was born in Hungary. She immigrated to the United States with her parents and younger brother during the Hungarian uprising. They found their new home in Buffalo, New York where Erika grew up and lived for most of her life. She moved to Wilmington, NC with her husband and son in 2001, where she currently resides. She started her art career early on as a teen doing simple drawings in the beginning and progressing to more complex compositions through the years. In her early years as an artist she experimented with various mediums eventually falling in love with oils and using it as her medium of choice. Oil still remains her favorite medium today however she has discovered a special liquid acrylic which she occasionally now uses.

Erika's early art work consisted of realistic compositions but through the years she developed her own technique and unique style which eventually evolved into her current *visionary* and surrealistic compositions on canvas. In 2008 she developed an interest in sculptures and soon she was creating hand built creations out of clay. Her sculptures reflect her art work. She finds joy in being able to switch mediums painting and creating sculpture consecutively. Her present creations' are the culmination of her style and her personal spiritual odyssey and quest.

She attributes credit for her current compositions on canvas to Divine Guidance from within, this being her ultimate source and force behind her creative abilities. Her goal and ultimate purpose with her creations is to ***“Capture the eye, delve into the essence of the mind and stir the heart of others”***.

She studied art at University of Buffalo, Daemon College in NY as well as Empire State College at NY. She continued to develop her passion for art by taking figure drawing and portrait painting for several years with renowned artist George Palmer in upstate New York. Erika has held memberships in several juried art organizations in Western New York. She has exhibited and sold her art work throughout Western New York and the Chautauqua Institute of Fine Arts. *Through the years she has been recognized with several awards in various categories. Her creations are on exhibition in various galleries around the country and soon she will be making her debut in certain parts of Europe.*

Erika's has a strong passion and drive to create her *“Visionary Art”* and share it with the world. Using her inner guidance as her conduit she continues to unleash the creative process that lies within her. She is grateful to be on her art odyssey and to share her ***“Visionary Art that comes from her Heart”***.

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