Dawn DiCicco



Dawn DiClcco was born and raised at the Jersey Shore. Developing a passion for art and music at an early age, Dawn began drawing portraits of her favorite musicians. Believing that her talent could be advanced through the study of Fine Arts, she enrolled in college and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Arizona, where she also studied Graphic Design.

After graduating, Dawn worked as a graphic designer for American West magazine in Tucson, and advertising agencies and businesses in Philadelphia, New York City, and New Jersey. To better sate her creative appetite, she painted and drew realistic images in her spare time, which was limited as she tended to her growing family.

In 2011, her children now grown, Dawn became restless and unsatisfied with her traditional approach to art. Eager to experiment with something different, she decided to explore Abstract Expressionist Painting, which stresses the personal expression of the painter through the use of shape, color, line and texture in non-representational forms. Expressing herself in this style of painting, Dawn found that she was liberated from the precision that realism demanded. This manner of working was better suited to her admittedly unfocused, pinball machine-like consciousness. Her ability to once again integrate art and music added to the excitement of discovering Abstract Expressionism. With the music turned up loud, she is inspired to

put brush and paint to canvas, resulting in works that manifest her love for music and art in a non-representational form.

Dawn's work has been shown in the Monmouth Museum, the Aljira Gallery, the Pollack Gallery, AbEx Contemporary, the George Segal Gallery and other venues in NY and NJ.

<u>Awards</u>

- 2018 Guild of Creative Art Annual Juried Show, Barbara Shieldkret Award for Abstract Painting
- Studio Montclair's Viewpoints 2015, Honorable Mention
- 2014 Guild of Creative Art 22nd Annual Open Juried Show, Best In Painting
- Monmouth Museum NJ Emerging Artist 2013-14

Collections

- Private Collections, Newark, NJ
- Private Collections, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, NJ

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