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ARTIST STATEMENT

Being creative is not just something I do, but an integral part of who I am, whether it is music or visual art. I have always been drawn to colour and texture, and the use of different mediums. I love experimenting with light interacting with dark, colour against colour. The best moments are when something unexpected happens and takes the work from ordinary to extraordinary without forethought or planning. I take great pleasure in painting reality in a way that makes it obscure, so as to surprise the observer when they find out what the inspiration is behind the painting. That "A-ha!" moment fills me with satisfaction because it encourages the observer to see the object/theme of my art in a brand new way. For me, my art is putting my emotions, feelings, experiences, and memories on canvas as a cathartic and therapeutic process that will hopefully impact and resonate with others.

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BIOGRAPHY

Lianna Klassen is a Vancouver-based mixed media artist and an award-winning musician. After a long and successful career in music, Lianna began to teach herself the art of painting. She has a special passion for abstract realism, and 6 years ago she began working as an artist full-time. One of Lianna's greatest achievements to date is her series "Through the Valley of the Shadow", in which she journaled her story of breast cancer. It is a raw and intimate collection that challenges, inspires and captivates the viewer. Her work has been exhibited in a number of galleries and venues in Western Canada, and is featured in collections in Europe, Asia, the UK and North America.