

Rika Markel is an abstract artist working primarily with oil paint, creating layered compositions using a variety of tools and techniques. Her work explores emotion, consciousness, and the unseen inner world that shapes human experience.

Although creativity had always been part of her life, Rika only began painting during the pandemic, finally fulfilling a lifelong dream to express herself through art. Her intuitive process builds depth through layers of color, texture, and movement, allowing each painting to evolve organically.

Her work invites viewers to pause, feel, and discover their own meaning within the canvas.



Artist Statement – Rika Markel

My work is an exploration of the inner world—emotion, energy, and the invisible forces that shape our experience of life. I paint intuitively, allowing color, texture, and movement to guide the process rather than beginning with a fixed plan.

Working primarily with oil paint, I build my pieces in layers using a variety of tools. Each layer represents a moment, a feeling, or a shift in energy, gradually revealing a composition that feels alive and expressive.

Painting became part of my life during the pandemic, when I finally gave myself permission to follow a lifelong creative calling. Since then, the canvas has become a space for reflection and discovery.

Rather than telling a single story, my work invites viewers to experience their own emotions and interpretations within the layers of color and movement.