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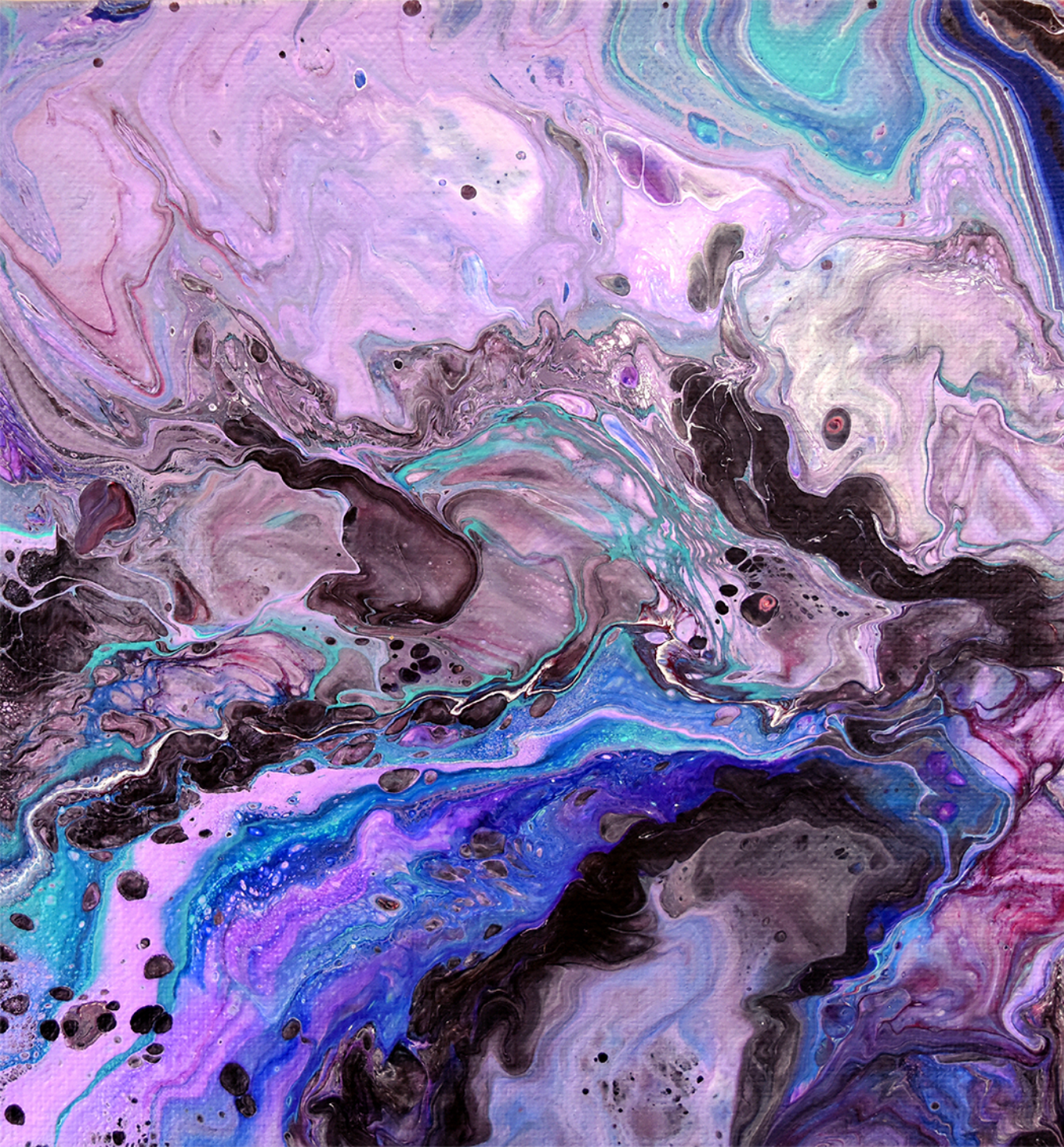
BIOGRAPHY

Nadia Janjua is an Artist and Art Educator based in the Washington, D.C. area. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the George Washington University (Washington, D.C.) in 2000, and her Master of Architecture degree from the New Jersey Institute of Technology (Newark, NJ) in 2005. Nadia's passion to beautify the world with her hands, combined with her fascination of design and technology led her to startup an art and design-based business in 2011, called Nadia J Art.

Nadia has been exhibiting her work professionally throughout the United States over the past ten years, and more recently, internationally. She has had numerous works commissioned by private collectors and contributes her art annually to charity events.

Her art work is inspired by her deeply spiritual and emotional connection to her faith, as well as the experiences of her life's journey. Ever since she can remember, Nadia has been reflective of the human experience -- from its chaos and despair, to its magnificence and beauty. It is this search for insight and understanding of any moment or event that has led to an infinite source of inspiration for her creative works.

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ARTIST STATEMENT

In all of my creative work, I am committed to narrating my inner truth and reflections through expressions of colors, texture, and text. I am drawn to the abstraction of concepts and moments, and thrive on the multiple interpretations that human experience brings to it. My art has been my source of healing, and in the process of creating it, I am essentially searching for the truest reflection and understanding my soul has ever experienced. Paintings often feel like they reveal themselves onto my canvas, and somehow I always seem to discover myself in them.

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LISTING OF SELECT EXHIBITION & SHOWS

- 2016 Featured Artist & Presenter. Aha Moments! MD Women's Heritage Center. Baltimore, MD
- 2015 Featured Live Artist. The 14th Annual Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial Awards. Women in Islam. Harlem, NYC
- 2014 "Let Me Show You Beautiful Things." Solo Show produced by IMAN. Chicago, IL.
- 2014 "The Taking & The Returning." Solo Show produced by Art Soiree. The Ritz Carlton, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 Marketplace of the Creative Arts Fest. Group Show. 9th Annual World Islamic Economic Forum. London, UK.
- 2013 Selected works in Group Show. Pepco Gallery, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 Artist Vendor; "Takin' it the Streets" 2013 Urban Outdoor Arts Festival. Chicago, IL
- 2013 "Spirituality & Art," Solo Show. Islamic Society of Frederick, Frederick, MD
- 2013 "Intersections," Solo Show. Baked & Wired, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 Muslima: Muslim Women's Art & Voice. Online exhibitor. International Museum of Women. California, USA.
- 2012 "Flight by Letter," Solo Show. Dempsey Gallery, Takoma Park, MD
- 2012 Sketch Lounge 4. Live art-making show. Sponsored by Submerge; Washington, D.C.
- 2012 Group Show. Urban.Contemporary.Africana; Washington, D.C.
- 2012 "Man and Nature Divided: A Spiritual Quest for Integration," Group Show. Busboys & Poets, Washington, D.C.
- 2012 Solo Show. Artland/ Brookland Temporium; Washington, D.C.
- 2012 Art Soiree Metamorphosis Gala; Washington, D.C. Painted live mural.
- 2012 Featured Artist. RAW : Natural Born Artists; Washington, D.C. Juried.
- 2012 "She Comes With A Past: The Art of Healing," Solo Show. Bloombars Gallery, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 "Unveiled," Solo Show. Theatre Project Gallery, Baltimore, MD

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AWARDS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 2017 Featured as "Top 5 Most Awe-inspiring Islamic Artists" by International Fashion Design Council
- 2014 Featured interview & short video on CCTV Full Frame, America
- 2014 Painting selected as cover of book by author Tamara Bhalla, Univeristy of Illinois Press.
- 2014 Mentor for Creative Entrepreneur's through non-profit Empowered Women International, Maryland.
- 2013 Shortlisted for International Emerging Artist Award. Dubai.
- 2013 Awarded Marketplace of Creative Arts Fellowship in London, through World Islamic Economic Forum, Malaysia
- 2012 Winner of Uncommon Goods.com iPhone Cover Competition
- 2012 Named one of "DC's Best Up & Coming Artists" by Washington, D.C. CBS-Local
- 2011 Selected as Coordinator of Muslim Women in the Arts, a DC-based group of Muslim female artists promoting peace and beauty through the arts
- 2010 Awarded Third best of show in juried group show, "Identity". Saville Gallery, Cumberland, MD.
- 2010 Awarded Marketplace of Creative Arts Fellowship in Malaysia, through World Islamic Economic Forum

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PRESS

- 2018 Block Party for Ellicott City Feature | Baltimore, MD
- 2017 Islamic Fashion Design Council Feature
- 2015 Azizah Magazine Feature
- 2015 Perspektif (German) Feature
- 2014 CCTV Full Frame Feature on Nadia Janjua
- 2014 "Love InshaAllah" Blog | Featured Artist
- 2014 "Hijabtrendz" Blog | Featured Artist
- 2013 "Living the Life" TV Series | UK-Based Islamic Channel | Feature: Nadia Janjua
- 2013 The London Link Magazine (Canada) | Exclusive
- 2013 Muslim Heroes | Featured Artist
- 2013 "Art & Activism" | Exclusive | South Asian American Digital Archive
- 2013 Elevate Culture Interview | Featured Artist
- 2012 RAW April Showcase | Featured Artist
- 2012 Sister's Magazine | Featured Artist
- 2011 Islamic Arts Magazine | Feature | Coordinator of Muslim Women in the Arts
- 2011 iDeen Magazine | Featured Artist
- 2011 Washington Post (DC) | "Ramadan: Time to Fast, Pray & Spend"
- 2011 The Cumberland Times (MD) | Feature | "Healing & Empowerment" Press Release
- 2011 East City Art (DC) | Feature | "Savoring the Art of Peace"

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Creating art is like a prayer; it's Bismillah *
in the beginning and Bismillah in the end ...

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* Bismillah means "I begin in the name of God" in Arabic

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