

EMILY JOHNSON

BIOGRAPHY

Emily Johnson (b. 1976) was raised on a small farm in rural north-central Missouri. Much of her youth was spent exploring nature, which influenced her perception of the world and sparked her desire to create. Following that passion, she moved to Kansas City to attend the Kansas City Art Institute where she studied fine art and design, receiving her BFA in 1998.

For the next 20 years, she worked as a graphic designer and art director before pursuing fine art full time. Her work is shaped both by her fine art training and her graphic design experience. Working intuitively, she creates a sense of memory and place that feels both familiar and unknown. The human desire to connect with nature is a continued source of inspiration, as can be seen in many of her abstract drawings and paintings.

Emily currently works from her Overland Park, KS studio and lives in Prairie Village, KS with her husband and two cats. Dedicated to giving back, she donates a portion of sales to local not-for-profit organizations.

EDUCATION

1998 BFA, Kansas City Art Institute

STATEMENT

My paintings are about our attraction and innate desire to connect (or reconnect) with nature. My inspiration is often born from meditations, dreams, and observations in the natural world. Through painting and drawing, I explore this connection with nature, oftentimes revealing a landscape (emotional or physical) that may seem familiar to an observer, allowing a visceral reaction that feels like a memory.

EXHIBITIONS

2021

- Wonder Wall, Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- Art for All, Kansas City Artists Coalition, Kansas City, MO
- 12x12 Community Showcase, Interurban Arthouse, Overland Park KS
- The Green Room, Cerbera Gallery, Kansas City MO

2020

- Art for All, Kansas City Artists Coalition, Kansas City, MO
- Kansas City Abstract Art Exhibition, Virtual Exhibit, artsteps.com
- Group Show, R.G. Endres Gallery, Prairie Village KS
- Avenue 82, Overland Park KS

2019

- Wonder Wall, Blue Gallery, Kansas City MO
- Studio & Member Artist Showcase, Interurban Arthouse, Overland Park KS
- State of the Arts, R.G. Endres Gallery, Prairie Village KS
- Bits & Pieces, Interurban Arthouse, Overland Park KS
- Women's Invitational, Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, Leawood KS
- Rolling Hills Spring Art Show, Prairie Village KS
- 12x12 Community Showcase, Interurban Arthouse, Overland Park KS

2018

- Spring Artists Showcase, Interurban Arthouse, Overland Park KS
- First Friday Group Art Show, Jones Gallery, Kansas City MO
- Studio & Member Artist Showcase, Interurban Arthouse, Overland Park KS
- Holiday Small Works Show, Vanessa Lacy Gallery, Kansas City MO

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