

cynthia byrnes  
contemporary art

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Artist Statement

My paintings represent a visual conversation that I have with landscape. Whether it be figurative, still life or generalized topography. Color and line drive me. A pulsating awakening as the painting evolves. Boundaries of the canvas, tension of color and form lead me.

Life's landscapes are the thread of my work, life and art coexist for me. Stretching my canvas begins my journey. I leave myself the freedom to go in any direction. The conversation begins with line; color and texture follow. I like to build and create lines and textures that compliment and challenge each other. I have always thrived on a push-pull energy, which keeps me alive and engaged in my work. I create, destroy and rebuild. Along the process I take the time to sit and observe, letting the work speak to me. Integrity and honesty in the creative process always foremost.