

## About the Artist – Michelle Kwon (nee Smethurst)



I come from a family of talented people but I never saw myself as an artist. One day while at Opus Art Supplies on Granville Island, Vancouver, with my now fiancé, I played with a sample table of paint and brushes. He commented that he had never seen me do something so natural as when I used a paint brush. I was inspired by him - who

has always encouraged and showed me the direction to a creative path. I dabbled a bit in painting and I ended up taking some time off work unexpectedly. Spending my days learning and experimenting helped me through the days away from the office. Shortly after that, Covid was affecting everyone around the globe, however I had returned to work - at the height of the pandemic. I am an essential worker and going back to work had its days of stress. My time spent painting helped me to get through those tough days. I developed a love for fluid art, especially the 'uncontrollable' flow of the paint. I found the process very serene and I have enjoyed the unpredictable outcome of every piece. I draw my inspiration from simple feelings and experiences I encounter throughout the day and people I encounter. My pieces are one-of-a kind acrylic paint on canvas and ceramic coasters.


I have never studied art and I began painting as an adult.

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