

KAMIESHA GARBADAWALA

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ARTIST STATEMENT:

Kamiesha Garbadawala's work is an exploration of life experiences and conveyance of emotion through art. Turning personal trauma and loss into strength and power through self-examination, she forges impassioned compositions filled with complexity, nuance and gravity. Kamiesha employs paintbrush and palette knives on heavy body acrylic paint to create wide planes of color and gestural markings, subconsciously in an uninhibited performance, having found a conduit for expression within opaque layers intuitively smoothed over negative space. Kamiesha turns to the canvas in search of the security found in a world that is created and controlled by her own hand.

BIOGRAPHY:

Kamiesha Garbadawala is a Jamaica born, New York City-based Visual Artist and graduate of The Parsons School of Design. The former accessories designer, launched a celebrated line of handbags with Barneys New York before she was compelled by a set of significant life events to begin anew. Her creative passion has reemerged and flourishes as the gestural and atmospheric works resulting from meditative, stream-of-consciousness painting.

Previously exhibited as a part of SVA's Summer Residency and Open Studios 2017, and Creative Mischief by the National Academy Museum 2017, Kamiesha was selected for a solo exhibition entitled *Awakening* in New York City to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and as a part of ArtePonte's group exhibition at SCOPE, during Miami Art Week 2017. Kamiesha participated in Columbia University School of the Arts' Summer Painting Intensive Program in June 2018, while her show *Sugarcane* debuted at Galleria Ca' d'Oro Chelsea during the summer of 2018. Kamiesha proudly donated her painting "Home" in October 2018 to benefit the Baryshnikov Arts Center Fall Fête Art Auction in conjunction with Paddle8, curated by Natasha Schlesinger of Art Muse NY.

EDUCATION:

- 2018 – Columbia University School of the Arts, New York, NY
2018 Summer Advanced Painting Intensive
- 2017 – The School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
2017 Painting & Mixed Media Summer Residency
- 1995 – Parsons School of Design, New York, NY
1999 Bachelor of Business Administration in Design Marketing

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- 2018 *Sugarcane*, Galleria Ca' d'Oro, New York, NY
- 2017 *Awakening*, to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, New York, NY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2018 Baryshnikov Arts Center *Fall Fête 2018 Art Auction*, New York, NY
- 2017 SCOPE Miami Beach, Miami Art Week 2017, ArtePonte, Miami Beach, FL
- 2017 *SVA Painting & Mixed Media Summer Residency Open Studio*, New York, NY
- 2017 *Creative Mischief*, Sonia Gechtoff Gallery/National Academy Museum, New York, NY
- 2016 *Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series*, Rush Galleries, New York, NY

RESIDENCIES:

- 2017 *Artist-in-Residence: Painting & Mixed Media*, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY