

TATYANA ZEN

CURRICULUM VITAE



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EDUCATION

2013 - 2014 Mastering Watercolor Painting after John Singer Sargent

2002 - 2003 Figure painting course with Robert Liberace, award-winning Portrait artist

2000 - 2003 Copyist at the National Gallery of Art. Mastering Old Masters techniques.
Washington, DC

1990 – 1995 BS in Fashion Design, Academy of Design & Technology, Moscow, Russia

1984 -1989 Art School – Simferopol Crimea, Russia

1981 -1983 Jr. Art School – Simferopol Crimea, Russia

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 – “Kings & Queens Celebrity Portraits of Tatyana Zen” Laguna Art Lounge,
Laguna Beach, CA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2018 – “Contemporary Masters of Visionary Art”, “Living Ocean Magic of Seascapes”
Laguna Art Lounge, Laguna Beach, CA

2017 – “Celebrating Arts” 484 North Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA

2002 – Group Show Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, VA

AWARDS & COMMISSIONS

Commissioned to paint portraits of the 2019 American Icon Awards nominees – Al Pacino, Evander Holyfield, Robert De Niro and Quincy Jones, to be presented at the annual gala in Beverly Wilshire, Los Angeles.

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

The Pentagon, Laguna Beach Public Library, Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce,
Arnold Schwarzenegger Private Collection

BIOGRAPHY

SUMMARY

Tatyana Zen is a Russian-American visual artist, best known for her Celebrity Portraits. She has established herself as a contemporary portrait painter inspired by the Old Masters. Zen received 10 years of training in the Russian Realism tradition at the Crimean Art School. After earning a BS in Fashion Design from Moscow Academy of Design & Technology, she immigrated to the United States in 1995. Tatyana was fortunate to learn from the masters while being a copyist at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. Her Contemporary Realism paintings fuse Pop Culture with Modern Spirituality rendering familiar subjects in a new provocative light. Using color, dramatic light, precious gemstones and exquisite glazing technique, her larger-than-life portraits dazzle and excite!

The quality of her artwork is gaining acclaim and she's acquiring a reputation as the Artist of the Stars with her portfolio of Celebrity Portraits. In May 2019 Tatyana was honored to paint the portraits of nominees at the American ICON Awards ceremony and meet these stars in person. She resides and exhibits in Laguna Beach, CA. Her work can be found in private and public collections worldwide.

EDUCATION

Tatyana's talent was evident early, and she taught herself to draw by copying the Renaissance Masters' from illustrations. She received 10 years of rigorous art training in the Russian Realism tradition while growing up in Crimea. At 17 Tatyana moved to Russia to attend Moscow Academy of Design & Technology. In 1995, after graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Fashion Design she immigrated to the United States.

Tatyana started her art career in Virginia and was fortunate to learn directly from the masters as a copyist at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. Making hundreds of copies and sketches of world's greatest masterpieces from close observation allowed her to develop her style and deepen her quest for quality. Her interest in human figure was further developed by taking painting classes from Robert Liberace, an award-winning Portrait artist, honored as a "Living Master" by the Art Renewal Center.

CAREER & AWARDS

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ARTWORK

Tatyana's paintings exhibit masterful interplay of light, shadow and color and seem to highlight the natural beauty that she sees in every human soul. Her large-scale oil portraits exude the aura of excitement and wonder while relaxing with pleasing compositions.

Her Subjects are actors, scientists, politicians, rock stars, as well as neighbors and friends. Tatyana's paintings speak for themselves - introspective, elegant and mysterious, dramatic and bold. Using her glazing techniques giving her large-scale oil paintings luminosity and depth of color. What is unique about her works is the use of natural materials, from dried plants, feathers and butterflies to real diamonds, emeralds and gold.

INSPIRATIONS

Tatyana's work is inspired by Spiritual Cosmology and the latest discoveries in Quantum Physics, exploring the concept of Spiritual Being having a Human Experience. As a certified healing hypnosis practitioner, she's intrigued by Earth's Galactic history and the value of an individual soul. Dreams, symbols, archetypes, mythology, religions and philology are all intertwined in her artwork. Colors, shapes and emotions focused to stimulate viewer's subconscious, the source of creativity, intuition, interconnectedness and spiritual enlightenment.

Following in the footsteps of renown portrait painters like Leonardo, Rembrandt, Raphael, Diego Velazquez and Sargent, Tatyana's passion for painting is fueled by her fascination with human Figure, Face and Mind. Rejecting contemporary trends, she openly embraces notions of beauty, technical virtuosity, and human figure as a sacred object.

CHARITIES

Besides praying and setting intentions of healing through her art, she donates time and contributes part of the proceeds to the following Charities & Foundations. Cast (Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking), St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, One World One Ocean, Pacific Marine Mammal Center, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Canyon Foundation.

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

There's a wonderful world where telepathy, love and unity are foundational. With color and paint, I record my memories of being one with Source and the journey of human experience. My art centers around portraits, human and non-human, focusing on the eyes, the "window of the soul". I am fascinated by human emotions and soul's struggles to higher awareness.