



Artist Statement

Mark Freeman - Modern Abstract Expressionist Artist

I believe art is *energy*. Energy I *must* connect to, connect with and transfer. And if I'm doing well - stay out of the way of.

I like to paint abstract because I like to paint what does not exist. That being said, my work is often inspired by nature and observations of form from real physical things, or simply raw emotion.

Curiosity is the catalyst for my art. I am boldly experimental. Nothing is off limits. I'll try anything with my art. It seems like every object or material can be art.

I prefer acrylic paint as my painting energy is best expressed when not waiting on paint to dry. I will incorporate anything into my art if it helps reveal its story. Sticks and driftwood, fabric and strings, other canvases, broken glass, coins, found objects, and one of my favorites - old rusty barbed wire. I have used them all.

I avoided expressing myself through art for 40 years of my life having "settled" for a sales and marketing career in business. In 2017 I began painting and discovered what I always knew - that painting was what I was *supposed* to do.

Love is the greater foundation of my art. I believe I am here to express and transfer love through my work. To me there is no higher calling.

Love is *WHY* I paint.

I have exhibited some of my work at galleries in Kansas City, and occasionally at other exhibits and venues, but primarily offer my work directly to collectors and patrons.

I live and work in Overland Park, KS.