

Patricia Zalisko

ARTIST STATEMENT – DISAPPEARING LINES

This series is a visual language describing the expanse of the exterior world and our place in it. The art speaks to our need to breathe and occupy space: to delineate, fill and clear it out to make room for more space, more experiences. The gestures of painting, collaging and drawing that define the art are prompted by literature, poetry, lyrics and words processed over and over on a continuous loop in my head. Cues are varied: Petty & The Heartbreakers, Saltz & the New Yorker, the BBC, Lisa See.

Rhythms and frequencies are caught on the surfaces in the process of dissolving, veiled or unearthed with occasional breakthroughs of the shapes or marks that they leave behind. The literal and visual combine on one plain, creating new terrain.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Zalisko has rich childhood memories of painting intricate Ukrainian eggs—one of her first experiences in the creative world. Many years later, her bold and evocative abstract work echoes the mark making and bright coloration of *pysanky*. Her art is now prompted by literature, language, and lyrics to create another visual language.

Born and raised in New York City, Zalisko was encouraged by her parents to pursue a practical career, practicing law in the northeast after graduating from Fordham University School of Law until moving to Florida in 2004. Zalisko remained immersed in NYC's rich visual and performing arts, studying art whenever possible at several NYC and Florida universities, and in private study or workshops. She continues to enrich her artistic practice in university classes, travel, residencies and fellowships.

Zalisko's work is regularly included in exhibitions and public collections in the US and abroad, including those of Warner Brothers, NY Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center, Orange County (FL), Lee County (FL), the University of South Carolina, Lake Eustis Museum of Art, and the Florida – Department of Environmental Protection. She has captured major awards and accolades in juried events nationally, including Best of Show and First Place.