

HOLLY ROMANO

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ARTIST STATEMENT

I consider myself an observation artist, directing attention to details in life that might otherwise go unnoticed if we are not paying close enough attention. The inspiration for my work comes from what I witness in routine life and adjacent surroundings —morning light on dishes, a momentary glance, a shared emotion, a cluster of trees on a city street, the way a flower falls apart. Even in the simplest, most ordinary moments, we can find unexpected meaning and beauty.

My work also takes an introspective look at how we interact with each other and the world around us, define our identities and boundaries, and what I experience in modern motherhood.

ARTIST BIO

Holly Romano lives and works in Columbus, Ohio. Her paintings and photographs are rooted in the complexities of female identity and being a mother — from caring for children to maintaining a household. She also uses alternative photography processes and mixed media to explore the beauty and vastness of the natural world and hopes to promote wonder and appreciation.

Romano holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Bowling Green State University. After a successful career in the graphic design field, she now focuses on fine art photography, painting, mixed media, and alternative processes. Her award-winning artwork has been selected for juried shows and is exhibited nationally.

EDUCATION

1999 BFA in Graphic Design with a minor in Photography, Bowling Green State University, Ohio

2020 Education coursework from Columbus State Community College, Ohio

2021 Education coursework from The Ohio State University, Ohio

CREATIVE JOB EXPERIENCE

Teaching Artist, 2019 - present

Creating curriculum and teaching art to preschool through elementary-aged children. Focusing on art history, process art, and art fundamentals.

Graphic Designer/Art Director, 2000-2016

Experienced designer with a demonstrated history of marketing, graphical, and project management support working in multiple industries. Design skills included pre-press, typography, photography, branding, art direction, and Adobe Creative Suite. Also served as a support for project management, office support, and coordination.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021** Dublin Recreation Center, Dublin, OH
Annual Juried Photography Show, SAGE Community Arts, Sheridan, WY
Homesick: An International Photography Exhibition, The Art Effect, Poughkeepsie, NY
ImageOhio, Juried Photography Show, ROY G BIV Gallery, Columbus, OH
Landscapes 2021, Las Laguna Art Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
International Juried Photography Exhibition, University of Southern Mississippi Museum of Art, Hattiesburg, MS
Mind Body Spirit, J. Mane Gallery, Online
Home: A Sense of Place, Juried Exhibition, Site:Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY
17th Annual Bryn Du Art Show, Bryn Du Museum, Granville, OH
Ohio Art League Spring Juried Show, Columbus, OH
Art of Photography 2021, Prairie Village Arts Council, Prairie Village, KS
Observing Motherhood, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
Exposed 2021, Marin Society of Artists, San Rafael, CA
Six Feet: Boundaries, Belonging & Becoming, Makers Circle, Marshall, NC
Expressive Floral, ArtDoc Photography Magazine, Online
That Which Surrounds You, Arts Benicia, Benicia, CA
- 2020** Ohio Art League Fall Juried Show, Columbus, OH
DAAL Fall Member Show, Dublin, OH
Featured Artist, HomeWorks by Ohio Art League, Columbus, OH
Ohio Art League Spring Juried Show, Columbus, OH
Women Made Gallery Juried Show, Chicago, IL
- 2019** Ohio State Fair Fine Art Juried Show, Columbus, OH

HONORS/AWARDS

- 2021** First Place, SAGE Community Arts, Sheridan, WY
Third Place, J. Mane Gallery, Online
Honorable Mention, Marin Society of Artists, San Rafael, CA

MEMBERSHIPS

Artist/Mother Community, International

Art Mums United, International

Dublin Area Art League, Dublin, Ohio

Ohio Art League, Columbus, Ohio

Women Made Gallery, Chicago, IL