BARBI LEIFERT Artist’s Statement

My work is a confluence of color and movement. I strive to expand people’s horizons and bring them together in recognizable contexts. I’m particularly interested in the natural environment and man’s impact on it- and nature’s impact on us. Besides the obvious nourishment and air we breathe, the natural environment vibrates with an invisible energy, you can only feel. In my latest series “Moving Meditations” I explore the abstract figurative juxtaposed with the landscape. There is a fusion of color and movement that is impactful on the subconscious. I am seeking that- and trust the process even when it’s “not going well”. When an accidental surprise happens on the canvas, I know I’m there.

This takes time and patience. I am drawn to photograph my subjects but on the canvas, the figures are always anonymous and slightly obscured. I want the viewer to find themselves in the movement of the figure or animal. You do not have to sit on a mountain top for 20 years to find enlightenment. Moving through nature is a Meditation.

BARBI LEIFERT- Bio

**Juried Shows**

Top 10 Poster Contest Finalist Art Expo 2016

Gage Academy of Art- Best of Gage 2014, 2015

Art Expo 2015

Palm Springs Art Museum, 2015

**Solo Shows**

Lanyon 36 Gallery, New York, NYC, 2015

Phillips Gallery of Fine Art, Kirkland, WA, 2006

Phillips Gallery of Fine Art Santana Row, San Jose, CA. 2006

Mercer Island Art Gallery, Mercer Island WA, 2007

**Group Shows**

London Museum of Contemporary Art (Saatchi Gallery) 2016

Axis Gallery, Seattle, WA, 2015

Gage Academy, Seattle, WA, 2015

Flower and Hewes, Palm Spring, CA, 2015

Gallerie Misto, Bellair Bluffs, Fl, 2015

Lanyon 36 Gallery, NYC, 2015-2016

Bemis Art Show, Seattle, WA 2016

**Collections and Collectors**

The Nordstrom Collection, Seattle, WA

Prunty Collection, Palo Alto, CA

R. Penski, Palm Springs

B Podemski, La Quinta, CA

D. Sheridan, Snoqualimie, WA

Lawrence Family , La Jolla, CA, Aspen, CO

Lawrence Family, Aspen, CA

Schroedel Physicians Group, Mercer Island, CA

Andrew Mansell, Seattle, WA

Yallup Native American Collection, Washington State

M. Buchanan, Seattle, WA

Tom Captain, Mercer Island, WA

B. Morguelan, Los Angeles, CA

S. Vila, Steamboat Springs, CO

G. Guyman, Mercer Island, WA

M. Dowd, Seattle, WA

C. Michaels, Sammamish, WA

Z. Wittson, NYC

T Auston, Miami, Fl

L. Orberg, NYC

Armour Building, Tacoma WA

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