

Gigi Mills - Artist Statement

I was born and raised in a circus family where the study of the fine arts was encouraged. My formal education is in ballet, modern dance and theatre arts. I hold a BFA in theatre from The College of Santa Fe and an MA in choreography from UNM. As a painter I am self taught, but having come from the study of highly demanding disciplines of dance, I understand and value the combination of technical prowess and creative force that must combine in the effort of building my work. Each piece is built layer upon translucent layer while I search through color, shape and psychological tension to create beauty that is balanced by depth of form and emotional content.

"In imagination, not in perception, lies the substance of experience..."
Santayana, *The Suppressed Madness of Sane Men*