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## CARRIE SWIM

### ARTIST STATEMENT

Born in Houston, Texas, Carrie Swim stepped into this world, embracing any creative tool possible to process and share a message of life with an unbreakable sense of curiosity and wonder. The trials of humanity only drove her further into the miracles life can produce under pressure. Today, Carrie holds a strong lyrical abstract style in painting informed by movement and sound. She uses an ever-evolving visual language sourced in a classical training of drawing, painting, and printmaking that she gained through her BFA at Baylor and studies in Italy. By her Masters at the University of Kansas and the beginning of her seven-year career in New York City, she began to bring a tangibility to the unspoken elements of "essence" or "essential matters" through abstraction.

In her studio, you find Carrie developing large-scale ethereal abstract oil and acrylic paintings or trying new methods in mixed media. Her paintings actualize primarily through her practice of interlacing dance with painting; she calls this her "body painting" process. Carrie lets her own body receive paint like a brush from her hands to the rest of her skin and leotard. She moves with sound, time, and spirit within and beyond her. Here, she establishes a composition and roadmap for her paintings with each contact of her body to canvas. Her movements activate and unite her being to channel the continent of the journey of humanity, the divine, in an intentional yet childlike way. Each painting carries layers of intuitively chosen colors and forms, each carrying a pulsing rhythm of movement establishing an atmosphere for the viewer to step into.

*"Abstraction often de-robes associations objects can have to memories that dictate pre-determined realities to let the core of a being speak or exist clearly with less limitation." — Carrie Swim*

Carrie's highly trained eye and hand for detail became an arrow released by her loving desire to connect within the sometimes-unseen human heart and the divine. Carrie fearlessly looks straight into the heart of man and all creation, embracing its cracks, its gold, and its beauty. Here, she challenges her limits with paint for the sake of growth and discovery of the world. Carrie continually reaches far beyond herself to other disciplines and Fine Arts communities. She continually collaborates with dance collectives in New York and Houston and facilitates healing and trauma-informed art workshops worldwide. Her heart is ever ready to learn and share the unity and healing the practice of art can bring to all.

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### CV

#### EDUCATION

2012 / Masters of Fine Arts – Painting, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

2008 / Bachelor of Fine Arts – Painting: Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Study Abroad in the Study of Painting and Drawing in Florence, Italy.

#### EXHIBITIONS AND COMMISSIONS

##### Solo Shows

2016 / All Things Gallery, West Village - Testimony of Touch, MFA Thesis Exhibition.

Art + Design Gallery, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

##### Group Shows ( Juried Shows \*\*)

2021 / Art Museum TX Group Show - Cinco Ranch, Katy, Texas.

“Creation” Show, Art Museum TX, Sugarland, Texas.

“Creation Performance”- Collaboration with En Tiempo Assemble. Art Museum TX, Sugarland, Texas.

Teacher Student Auction - Beautiful Feet Studio, Simonton, TX.

2020 / Hearts for Gold, Cancer Benefit Auction, Livingston, NJ.

2019 / Out of Line Show, Anderson Contemporary Gallery, NY, NY.

Long Island City Arts Show, Waterside Plaza Gallery, Manhattan NYC.

2018 / Open Studios Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ.

Open Studio showing, Paint Can Studios, Long Island City, NYC.

Atlantic Gallery art show, NYC, NY.

2017 / Cancer Benefit Show at John Theurer Cancer Center, Hackensack, NJ.

\*\* Pixel Gallery group show, Long Island City, NYC.

Two Artist Show with Emmanuelle Cacciatore at Midoma Art Gallery NY, NY.

Open Studio showing, Paint Can Studios, Long Island City, NY.

2016 / Long Island City Arts show, Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital Library, NY, NY. Collaborative Arts installation and dance piece with Idaho, NYC, NY.

Open Studio showing, Paint Can Studios, Long Island City, NYC, NY.

2015 / Respiro - Residency Group Show, with Transform NYC, Florence, Italy.

Open Studio, Paint Can Studios, Long Island City, NY.

2014 / Group Show Wallis-Ortiz Gallery and Center, Harlem Gallery, NYC.

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2012 / The Unfair Art Show (During Armory Week) NYC, NY. Works and Performance.

Paired Performances In The Grace Space Performance Art Gallery, Brooklyn, NY.

Brooklyn-Bushwick Open Studios, Brooklyn, NY - Brooklyn Arts Festival Williamsburg, Brooklyn (Featured artist: Two paintings, and one performance).

Wilderness Exhibition, Cornerstone Music Festival, Bushnell, IL.

Premiere Art Show, TLCC Church West Orange, NJ.

Annual Spark and Echo show - featured artist, Manhattan, NY.

Korean Benefit Art Show, All Things Gallery, West Village, NY.

Brooklyn Art Forum Show, Brooklyn, NY.

2011 / Above Average: Recent Work from Decent People, Art + Design Gallery, University of Lawrence, KS.

2010 / \*\*Kansas University Scholarship Show Art + Design building, University of Lawrence, KS.

\*\*Faith and Art Show, Second place winner, Art Dorm on Campus of Kansas University, Lawrence, KS.

2009 / Prairie Fire: In the Field or in Your Glass, Pearl Gallery, Kansas City, MO.

2007 / "Art House II" - Local Waco show In House, Waco, TX.

"Professor and Student Show" – Baylor University Art Department participated in Hillsboro, TX.

## MURAL PROJECTS

2021 / "Together We Shine" Mural Project with Art Museum Tx commissioned by the city of Sugarland, Greater Houston, TX.

Three outdoor "Children's School Mural Project" - Service work - Commissioned by Nanor Balabanian - Eastern Armenia.

Indoor "Mt. Arat" Mural - Altar Coffee and Books, Yerevan, Armenia.

2012 / Indoor "High School Mural" - a Teacher and student collaboration commissioned by Memorial Private High School, Houston, TX.

2010 / Indoor "Mural for Medical Clinic," Lawrence, KS.

2008 / "Cherry Blossom Dreams" - Indoor Mural, Commission by a private collector, TX.

## SELECT COMMISSIONS

2021 / Private Collector, Dallas, TX.

2020 / Private Collector, New York, NY.

2020 / Private Collector, Houston, TX.

2019 / Averity Company, New York, NY.

2018 / Private Collector, New York, NY.

2016 / Private Collector, Soul, Korea.

2015 / Spottie Art Gallery, New York, NY.

2008 / Private Collector, Houston, TX.

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### PUBLISHING

2012 / Watson Library of University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

Morning Star Church Sanctuary, Lawrence, KS.

Art + Design Building for NASAD, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

2011 / House of Ink, Poetry self-published with a group of poets through Kansas University.

### AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIP, AND HONORS:

2011- 2012 / Ada Bechtel Heuser Scholarship University of Kansas, KS.

2010 - 2011 / Daniel MacMorris Scholarship, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

2009 - 2010 / \*\*Faith and Art Show, Second place winner,

Art Dorm on Campus of Kansas, University, Lawrence, KS Scholarships:

St. Lawrence Center Scholarship

Larabee Fine Arts Scholarship

Beatrice L Bonine Painting Scholarship

Ada Bechtel Heuser Scholarship

Thomas A Klaverkamp Scholarship

Luella F Stewart Art Scholarship

2007 / The Fifteenth Annual J. Harry and Anna Jeanes Academic Convocation 2007 - Chosen representative of studio art majors in the art department of Baylor University as a student who embodies the ideal values of a studio art major, including exceptional perseverance and persistence in skilled work, contains high value of art, and community chosen by Art Department Chair, John McClanahan.

Bessie and Dudley Dodson Memorial Scholarship - chosen from submitted paintings, prints, and drawings awarded by Baylor art department staff.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021 - Present / Art Consultant, Educator, and Fine Artist at Off The Wall Gallery, Houston, TX.

2020 - Present / Art Director and Teacher of after-school programs at Beautiful Feet Studios, Ages 3-18, Richmond, TX.

2019 / Spring to Summer Art Teacher at Re-deme Studios, Ages 3-9, Nutley, NJ.

2017-2019 / Private Art Lessons for Young Adults.

2013- 2014 / Art Teacher (volunteer) for Ages 6-10 at Creatively Wild, Brooklyn, NY.

2012 / Art Teacher for Memorial Private High school, Houston Texas Art Teacher Substitute for YMCA, Houston Texas

2010-2012 / For the Department of Visual Art – University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

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## CARRIE SWIM

2012 / Spring semester 2012 - Graduate Teaching Assistant - Watercolor.

2011 / Fall semester 2011 – Graduate Teaching Assistant - Painting I-IV.

2011 / Spring semester 2011 – Graduate Teaching Assistant- Painting 1-IV.

2010 / Fall Semester – Graduate Teaching Assistant- Art Foundations and Design.

2009-2010 / Assistant for a young woman with special needs-collaborative art and prayer work and community activities.

2009 / Substitute art teacher for Texas Christian Academy for High school and Junior High, in Waco TX.

2007 / Student Assistant for a disabled student in painting class, by Baylor Art Department.

## TRAVEL AND STUDY

2019 / Trauma-Informed Art workshops led with Creare in Bloemfontein, South Africa, and Medical Team, Mark and Alice Karnes in Sodo, Ethiopia. (One month)

2018 / Assisting art project for Heidy Chuang in Gangshan, Taiwan (2 weeks).

2017 / Art and religious research/practice in Jerusalem, Israel (1 weeks).  
Art project and community service in Zambia and Mozambique, Africa.  
Artist Conference, Bloemfontein, South Africa.

2016 / Art and religious research and practice in Jerusalem, Israel (2 weeks).

2015 / Artist Residency in countryside of Tuscany, Italy (3 weeks).

2011 / Viet Nam - Artistic and spiritual study and service among community including orphanages (five weeks).

2007 / Co-lead a team from Antioch Community Church in Waco, TX to New Deli, India to serve the poor, learn the culture, share the gospel and assist a local church.

2008 / Study Abroad Program, Baylor University, Florence, Italy. Florence University of the Arts, Firenze, Italia- (two months). Classes: In painting and drawing

Extra travel: in Switzerland and France.

2004 - 2007 / One-week trips to Jurez, Mexico, community out-reach (lead team in 2007) - Antioch Community Church.

2009 / Lanzhou, China - ministering in community and travel (one month).

2005 / Nairobi, Kenya - Went with Common Purpose Choir with Baylor University to sing and serve among the poor, orphans, and schools (two weeks).

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### COMMUNITY ART AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

2011 / Wellness Gift-Mural filling a room in WIC Lawrence Health Center, Lawrence, KS.

2010 / "Connect" Community art activity - A ten-twenty minute communal activity demonstrating the importance of pursuing individual ambitions as a community – with the class of So Young Park, Performed on Kansas University campus and in the Dada Student Art Show Second Showing of Connect in the University of Kansas Spencer Art Gallery.

2011-2012 / Leader in International Friends Organization of University of Kansas Secretary in 2011-2012.

2010-2012 / Revive member and leader in community prayer group 2007-2009 Led Urban Middle School Community Group.

2007-2008 / Served with Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity (Joined in 2008).

2007 / Co-led a team to New Deli, India to serve the poor.

2005-2008 / Led College Community Group.

2005 / Worked with Habitat for Humanity through Baylor University building houses 2004-2005 / Choir, "Common Purpose", through Baylor University.

2004 - Present / Volunteering within Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Centers.  
Parkway Place, Houston, TX.  
Sunrise Assisted Living Brandon Woods, Lawrence KS.

*The artist Carrie Swim is proudly represented by Off The Wall Gallery, Houston, Texas.*