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# MARTHA KOKKINOS

## BIOGRAPHY

Martha Kokkinos was born in Montreal in 1963. She is a self-taught artist working out of her home studio in Ottawa, Ontario. Martha has always had a passion for art, spending countless hours drawing and sketching as a child. As an adult she started to explore mediums such as oil and acrylic paint and enrolled in several courses at the Ottawa School of Art.

She has enjoyed the freedom that painting gives her, the fluidity and expressiveness it offers, gravitating towards acrylic because it allows her the ability to be spontaneous with color and texture. Color in fact is the most stimulating aspect of her work. It is the starting point for every painting. The way a variety of hues play off each other, and change as they relate to one other is what sets the tone for each painting.

Her technique can be described as an energetic and spontaneous application of colour used to create non objective works on paper or canvas.

The medium decides what will happen and ultimately dictates the end result. The work is about colour, texture and movement. The viewer is then left to attach their own connection and emotion to the work from these elements.