

DARYA (DASHA) PRUDNIKOVA

Visual Artist specializing in figurative oil and acrylic paintings

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dasha Prudnikova is a 27-year-old visual artist specializing in portrait and figurative paintings of women. After living in Oaxaca, Mexico for over three years, she drew deep inspiration from the local traditions, particularly creating "Day of the Dead"-themed works. Dasha's art has been exhibited in galleries in Oaxaca, Mexico City, and collected internationally, with pieces featured in collections across London, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Philadelphia. Her work, known for its focus on emotion through eyes and hands, aims to portray women from a female perspective, challenging traditional male-dominated representations. Dasha has completed numerous commissions, received awards, and collaborated on 5 large-scale murals with Mural Arts of Philadelphia. Skilled in oil painting, she also experiments with mosaics, glass, and acrylics, always pushing the boundaries of her craft.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Commissioned by many to create realistic portraits of them, their families, and pets
- Sold many pieces to private collectors
- Showcased work in several galleries and restaurants in Sarasota, Florida, Oaxaca, Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Won 2 silver keys in Scholastic Art & Writing Awards in 2012 and 2013
- Won 1st place in the Maryland Anti Drug poster contest in 2012
- Was personally invited to be featured in House and Garden magazine June-August 2021
- Was featured in "Imparcial" Newspaper in Oaxaca, Mexico 2021
- Was featured in "Socialmente" Magazine in Oaxaca, Mexico 2021
- Was featured in "Envision Art Magazine" 2022
- Was featured in "Marvelous Art Gallery" Magazine 2022
- Won the finalist award in the 3rd Figurative art competition by Teravarna Gallery in Los Angeles, California 2022
- Won the Talent Prize Award in the 6th figurative art competition by Teravarna Gallery in Los Angeles, California 2023

PORTFOLIOS / WEBSITES

<https://dashafineart.com>

<https://instagram.com/dashafineartist>

<https://facebook.com/dashafineartist>

SKILLS

- Oil and Acrylic Painting
- Mosaic
- Commission Requests
- Client Relationships
- Outlining and Shading
- Shipping and Packaging
- Vendor Relationships
- Sculpting and Molding
- Paint Mixing
- Creative Design
- Preparing Exhibits
- Still Photo Modeling
- Editorial Shoots
- Public Relations

LANGUAGES

English, Russian and Spanish

- Won 2nd place twice and 6th place in the American Art Awards (americanartawards.com) 2023
- Finalist of the Blu Sky Artist Award hosted by Ten Moir Gallery 2023
- Worked on 5 huge murals on several story buildings in Philadelphia between 2023-2024
- Was featured many times in "Imparcial" Newspaper in Oaxaca from May-August, 2024
- Was interviewed by "Central Q" news in Oaxaca in July, 2024

MURALS

- My Crazy Red Rooster - 822 E Cheltenham Ave, Philadelphia, PA half done by me and half by Efrain Herrera
- Mural at Lotus Meimei Lounge 2nd St, Philadelphia, PA - left woman and some of the petals done by me and the right woman by Efrain Herrera
- "MALLKUANKA—Vuelo Sur Norte De Colors" (The South-North Flight of Colors) 21st & Washington Ave, Philadelphia, PA - the whole middle section done by me and Efrain Herrera
- "The Mother" 5515 Chester Ave, Philadelphia, PA - mural done by me, Efrain Herrera and Kien Nguyen
- "Ben Fletcher" 301 S Christopher Columbus Boulevard Philadelphia, PA - done by me, Efrain Herrera and Kien Nguyen
- "Ride Out" 1719 68th Ave, Philadelphia, PA done by me, Efrain Herrera and Kien Nguyen

GALLERY SHOWS

- Solo exhibition at Casa Bestia Gallery in Oaxaca, Mexico – October 2021
- Group exhibition at Aguafuerte Gallery in Mexico City, Mexico – February 2021
- Group exhibition at Hotel Santo Tomas Gallery in Oaxaca, Mexico – February 2022
- Group exhibition "Como ardiente mirada que perturba" at Taller Popular in Oaxaca, Mexico – June 2024
- Solo exhibition "La estética tiniebla de uno mismo" at Dimitrova Gallery in Oaxaca, Mexico – June 2024
- Group exhibition "Geografías de la libertad" at Dimitrova Gallery in Oaxaca, Mexico – July 2024

EDUCATION

Miami Dade College, Miami, FL — No Degree

May 2018 - Dec 2018

Towson University, Towson, MD — No Degree

August 2015 - Dec 2015

Carver Center For Arts and Technology, Towson, MD — High School Diploma

September 2011 - May 2015

WORK SUMMARY

Muralist, 07/2023 - Current

Mural Arts Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

- Collaborated with other artists on various art projects and installations.

Freelance Artist, 11/2020 - 07/2023

Myself, Oaxaca, Mexico

- Consulted with clients to discuss commission ideas and style preferences to create mutually agreeable project parameters.
- Contributed to the creative process through original ideas and inspiration.
- Handled all client communications to build professional and long-lasting business relationships and bring in continuous work.
- Maintained and shared portfolios of artistic work to demonstrate styles, interests, and abilities with potential customers.
- Made use of materials, such as ink, watercolors, charcoal, oil, computer software, paints, mosaics, mirror, and pencils to complete unique pieces for customers.
- Some of the first serious exhibitions in Oaxaca and Mexico City even with the hardships that the pandemic has brought.

Freelance Artist, 02/2017 - 10/2020

Myself, Miami, FL

Freelance Model, 06/2015 - 02/2017

Myself, Towson, MD

- Adapted quickly to changing environments for continued professionalism under pressure.
- Remained focused, motivated, and professional throughout long shoots and events.
- Developed growing contacts networks to secure regular work.
- Maintained high levels of professionalism in over 100 shoots.
- Maintained readiness for all jobs by keeping up with proper self-care and effective stress management strategies.

Freelance Artist, 09/2011 - 02/2017

Myself, Towson, MD

