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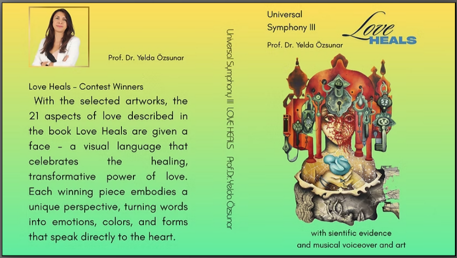

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Love Heals – Contest Winners

With the selected artworks, the 21 aspects of love described in the book Love Heals are given a face – a visual language that celebrates the healing, transformative power of love. Each winning piece embodies a unique perspective, turning words into emotions, colors, and forms that speak directly to the heart.

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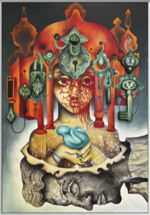

First Prize - Cover Award

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Mamak Razmgir

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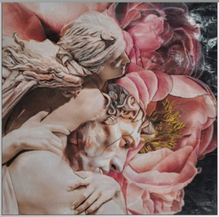
Mamak Razmgir is an Iranian-born, US-based visual artist blending Surrealism, Persian miniatures, and contemporary narratives. Her work explores freedom, gender, and identity, often focusing on the resilience of Iranian women. Symbolic imagery, dance, and myth shape her layered compositions, challenging viewers to look deeper. With an MFA from Texas Tech University and a background in illustration, she bridges art and education, fostering inclusive spaces for dialogue and transformation. Her work is both an act of resistance and invitation.



Chapter 1 - Divine / Holistic Love

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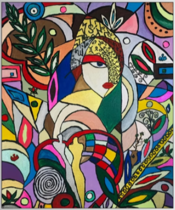

Chapter 2 Transformation / Change

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Tea Silagadze

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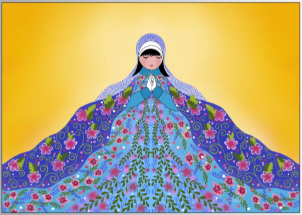
Tea Silagadze is a self-taught artist from Tbilisi, Georgia, who discovered her passion for painting during the pandemic in 2020. Working with oil, acrylic, and mixed media, her style blends abstraction, symbolism, and emotional depth, often using fluorescent elements. A member of the Union of Artists of Georgia since 2025, her work has received international recognition and awards across Europe and beyond. For Tea, art is a language of freedom and transformation, inviting viewers into a quiet, intuitive dialogue



Chapter 3 Selflove/Love for Oneself

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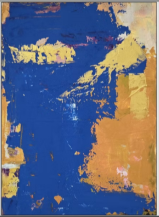
Sonia Barreto Freire is a Brazilian Professor, Visual Artist, Writer, and Illustrator. She holds a PhD from UNICAMP-BR, with postdoctoral studies at UNICAMP and UÉVORA-PT. Her creative work bridges childhood, femininity, and sustainability with philosophical literacy and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Sonia has published books and articles in Brazil and Portugal, illustrates children's books, and participates in national and international art projects, using her art to educate, inspire, and connect communities through thoughtful, visual storytelling.



Chapter 4 Love for Dignity, Honor, Purity

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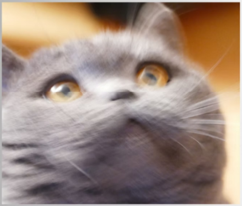

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Chapter 6 Love for Humanity

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Brigitte B. Burkhardt

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Swiss photographer Brigitte B Burckhardt blends a medical career with a lifelong passion for photography. Inspired by her grandfather, she began taking photos in childhood. After traveling the world with her analog camera, she rediscovered photography following a life-changing event. Now working digitally and exploring abstract forms, her work has been widely published and exhibited internationally, including at Artexpo New York and Art Basel. She is a member of Streetphotography France and currently developing three long-term book projects.

Chapter 7 Romantic Love

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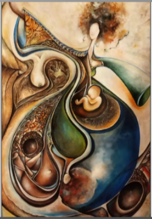

Chapter 8 - Family Love

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Ayşe Akalın Yalcındağ

Turkey

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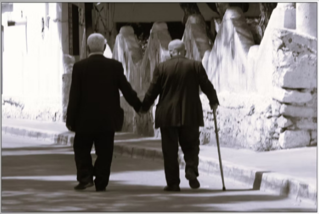
Ayşe Akalın Yalcındağ moves seamlessly between photorealism, abstraction, and figurative modernism, capturing human struggles, dreams, and freedom. As an internationally exhibiting artist and educator, she inspires audiences through striking compositions that intertwine reality and emotion. She is a proud NAS ART member alongside Nasrah Nefer and Serpil Topaloğlu. Deeply connected to nature and the human spirit, she pushes creative boundaries, inviting viewers into a world where technical mastery and heartfelt storytelling meet.



Chapter 9 Love in Friendship

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Per Wolfrum

Germany

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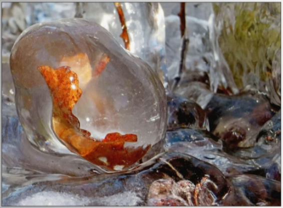
Per Wolfrum, born in 1964 and based in Berlin, began his artistic journey in childhood, nurtured by countless museum visits and early photography with his father. With a background as an educator, family therapist, and now consultant and lecturer, he brings a unique perspective to his photographic practice. Always seeking "the difference that makes a difference," Wolfrum's evolving love for photography reflects his lifelong curiosity and commitment to capturing subtle moments that speak beyond the frame.



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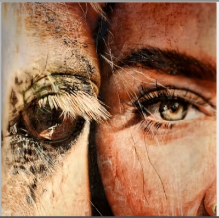

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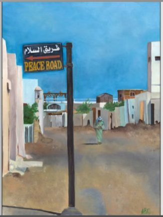

Chapter 12 Love for One's Homeland

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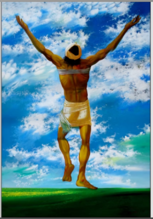
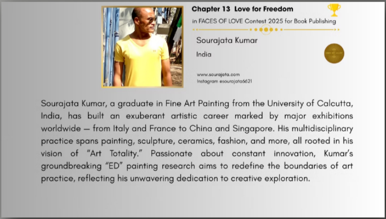
Amber Lee Olivier is a painter of wonder. Rooted in curiosity, storytelling, and myth, her art asks "what if?"—inviting viewers to question, dream, and reconnect with their inner truth. From a childhood on a Minnesota farm to global adventures and personal loss, Amber uses art to understand the world and her place in it. Working with raw pigments and natural oils, she creates luminous pieces that spark contemplation, preserve beauty, and encourage vibrant, transformative living.





Chapter 13 Love for Freedom

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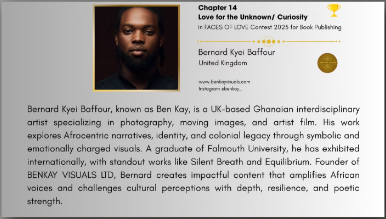
Sourajata Kumar, a graduate in Fine Art Painting from the University of Calcutta, India, has built an exuberant artistic career marked by major exhibitions worldwide — from Italy and France to China and Singapore. His multidisciplinary practice spans painting, sculpture, ceramics, fashion, and more, all rooted in his vision of "Art Totality." Passionate about constant innovation, Kumar's groundbreaking "ED" painting research aims to redefine the boundaries of art practice, reflecting his unwavering dedication to creative exploration.



Chapter 14
Love for the Unknown/ Curiosity

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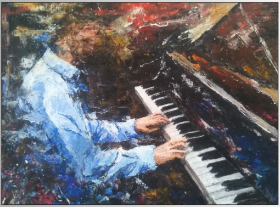

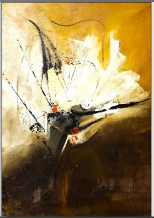

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Chapter 16 Love for Creativity

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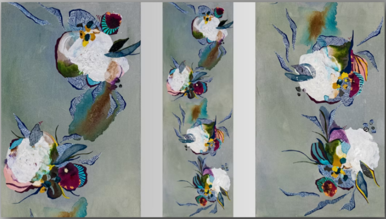

Chapter 17. Love for Beauty - Flowers and Aesthetics

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Alison Bignon

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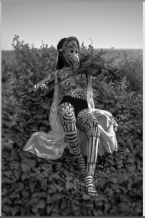
Alison Bignon is a multidisciplinary artist whose journey led from theatre direction and acting to visual arts. A graduate of the Beaux-Arts de Versailles, her emotionally charged portraits emerge from intimate encounters with strangers, whom she meets through chance and conversation. Using drawing, painting, video, and mixed media, she explores identity through personal storytelling. Her work has been exhibited internationally, including in France, the US, UK, Italy, and South Korea, and praised by art critic Arnaud Laporte as "exceptional and deeply valuable."



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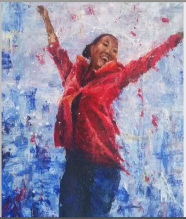

Chapter 19. Love for Laughter

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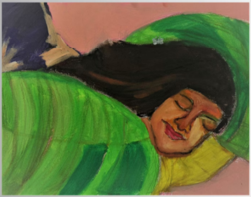

Chapter 21 Love for Sleep
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Anna Weichselbaumer

Austria

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Anna Weichselbaumer is a Linz-based artist whose expressive practice explores the interplay between inner reflection and external perception. A graduate of the Art University Linz (2002-2008), her work blends portraiture with abstraction, inviting viewers to confront questions of identity, movement, and belonging. Her intuitive approach spans the colorful and crooked, the subtle and bold. Featured in Print It!, Tapiial, and Art Resilience, Anna's paintings act as open spaces—thoughtful, emotional, and deeply human inquiries into where we stand and what moves us.

The Finalists

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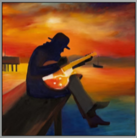

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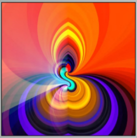

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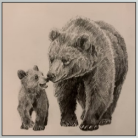

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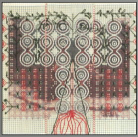

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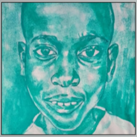

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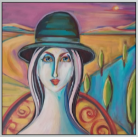

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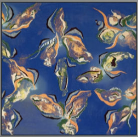

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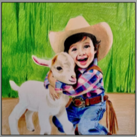

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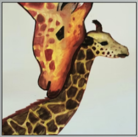

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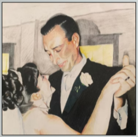

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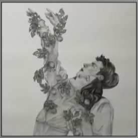

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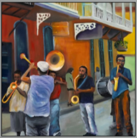

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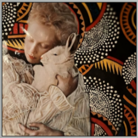

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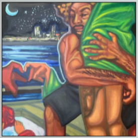

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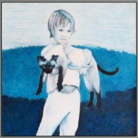

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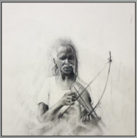

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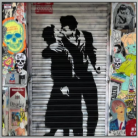

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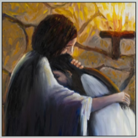

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