



Bay Area native, **Melissa Mandegarian**, is a landscape and figurative artist. Having always known she needed her career to utilize her creativity, she minored in Studio Art while earning her degree in Graphic Arts Production at San Jose State University. After trading working full-time as a Graphic Designer for full-time parenting, she took up painting again as a creative escape.

Melissa paints in a timeless representational style, often from photos of her travels from both home and abroad but also enjoys painting en plein air in the beautiful landscapes that surround the Bay Area. In the studio, Melissa typically starts with an underpainting to establish the tonal values; this unifies the whole painting while adding a vibrancy when it peeks through the colors added above it. She also enjoys adding texture and drama to paintings by utilizing palette knives and a variety of brush work in her technique. Images that attract her the most to paint are scenes that have interesting light – from reflections on water to dramatic effects from late day sunlight. View her work on her website www.melissamandegarian.com.

Exhibits / Events

2023 Featured Artist – Lark San Carlos – 641 Laurel Street, San Carlos, CA

2023 “Auction for the SF-Marín Food Bank” – Studio Gallery – 1641 Pacific Ave, San Francisco, CA

2022 “tiny + HUGE” – Studio Gallery – 1641 Pacific Ave, San Francisco, CA

2022 ArtWalk – Downtown Livermore

2022 “Essential Figure” – People's Choice award – Livermore Art Association

2022 “Spring Art Show” – 2nd Place ribbon for oil, 3rd Place ribbon for gouache – Livermore Art Association

2021 “Double Take: Art & Literature Side by Side” – Bankhead Theater Gallery

2021 Tri Valley Artists Studio Tour

2021 “Essential Figure” – People's Choice award – Livermore Art Association

2021 “The Late Spring Art Show” – 1st Place ribbon for oil – Livermore Art Association

2021 “Take Me There: Travel the World Through Art and Photography” – Bankhead Theater Gallery

2020 Society of West-Coast Artists bi-monthly competition – 3rd Place ribbon

2019 “Annual Show” – 2nd Best of Show, 1st Place ribbon for water scene, 2nd & 3rd ribbons for figures – Sequoia Art Group

2019 “Women's View” – Caldwell Gallery

2018 “The Human Form” – Honorable Mention – Pacific Art League juried art competition

2018 “Women's View” – Caldwell Gallery

2017 “UArt Open” – Finalist in juried art competition – University Art