

# Katrin Smith

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## Artist's Statement:

“Abstract art is my passion. Bold colours and dynamic design describe my work. Red, black and white make up my dominant personal palette but I equally enjoy working with other vibrant colour combinations. Black and white represent an endless combination of polar opposites such as ying & yang, bold & reserved, good & evil, right & wrong, all or nothing. Red is the mediator of these polar opposites and provides the essence of passion, emotion, authority, warmth, energy and connection.

My creative process is intuitive - a journey to discover what the final creation will look like. It rarely starts with the end in mind. I'm particularly interested in the texture of the painted surface and encourage the viewer to touch my work and feel its energy. Pushing boundaries is a constant in my artwork by experimenting with new techniques to create unique texture.

I use the abstract to raise questions, to invite the viewer to reflect - to make a connection. For me, asking the right question is far more important than searching for the right answer to an irrelevant one. Everyday occurrences, sometimes a single word, are the sources of my inspiration.”

## Shows and Exhibitions:

Foyer Gallery - Whee - April 30 to May 18, 2008

Foyer gallery - New Artists Focus Exhibition - April 9 to 28, 2008

The Table Restaurant Gallery, Ottawa, Ont. (Solo), March 1 to 29, 2008

Nepean Fine Arts League (NFAL) Gallery, Ottawa, Ont. (Solo), February 1 to 28, 2008

Rideau Valley Art Festival - Westport, Ont.(Juried), Aug. 22 to 24, 2008

Festival International Montreal en Arts- Montreal, Quebec (Juried), July 3 to 6, 2008

With Attitude - Britannia Art Gallery, OMMA, Ottawa, Ont. (Juried), May 1 to 31, 2008

Art Credo- St John's Church, Ottawa, Ont. (Juried), Apr. 26 to May 11, 2008

A Touch of Gold - Atrium Gallery - OMMA, Ottawa, Ont. (Juried), March 28 to April 30, 2008

Reality's Edge - Britannia Gallery - OMMA, Ottawa, Ont. (Juried), Apr. 5 to 29, 2007

Hide & Seek - Gloucester Gallery - OMMA, Ottawa, Ont. (Juried), Feb. 8 to Mar. 13, 2007

Ottawa Fine Art Festival - Ottawa, Ont. (Juried), May 11 to 13, 2007

Rideau Valley Art Festival - Westport, Ont. (Juried), Aug. 24 to 26, 2007

NFAL Members Show- Atrium Galleries, Ottawa Ont.(Group), June 6 to July 3, 2008

Small Wonders III - NVAC, OMMA, Nepean, Ont.(Group), Dec. 3/07 to Jan. 14/08

Definitely Different- Green Door Restaurant - OMMA, Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 12 to Dec. 8, 2007

Hip 2 Be Square- Rasputin's Cafe, OMMA, Ottawa, Ont. (Group), Nov. 7 to 25, 2006

NFAL/OMMA Winter Pottery & Art Show, Ottawa, Ont.(Group), Nov. 2005, 2006, 2007