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Lamour 40" x 40" oil on canvas

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Zarin—the name instinctively provokes the imagination with the mystery of antiquity, of an illustrious by-gone age.

Zarin's paintings coerce the viewer to engage her works and command one's attention. The swaths of bold colors tempestuously sweeping across each canvas coalesce in the finality of her penultimate and ultimate brush strokes into works of compelling sophistication.

Zarin hails from the ancient metropolis of Shiraz, Persia, which is home to poets, writers, architects, gardens, world famous pistachios, and the internationally acclaimed Shiraz red wine grape, which has been transplanted into the world's most famous vineyards. Zarin's varied influences of her native land inspire canvases with a cacophony of color, but with a distinct focus in mind.

It is a difficult and fine line to walk delving into impressionistic and abstract elements flavored with intellectual concepts of music, dance, literature, history, landscapes and interiors. Zarin fearlessly treads into these realms without trepidation and exults in the struggle.

Emotional concepts of love, intimacy, joy, angst, detachment, solitude and indifference all exist on Zarin's palette what she masterfully pours on to her canvases. The viewer is left intellectually and emotionally drained with this confrontation.

Growing up as an Orthodox Jew in a Muslim land of Sharia Law presented its own set of challenges to Zarin. Muslim Koranic morality bans alcohol in all its forms as "haram" (evil, sin). Just as the revered centuries old Shiraz grape stands in opposition to the prevailing culture in its venerable, unchanged, primordial state, Zarin emulates its tenacity and conviction to exist and prosper. Both have survived the cultural conflict in Shiraz to be, to blossom, to advance. Both are a testament to the enduring transcendence of distinction.

Zarin shares her novel artistic vision to the world despite all odds.

—Wayne F. Yakes MD



Spirit 32" x 16" oil on canvas



Spirit 40" x 24" oil on canvas



Untitled 29" x 24" oil and collage on canvas



Fleurs 40" x 40" oil on canvas



La Mer Musicale 36" x 49" oil on canvas



La Mer 31" x 52" oil on canvas



Visage III 40" x 40" oil on canvas



Untitled 24" x 24" oil pastel on paper



Sea Dreams 30" x 30" oil on canvas



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Joseph's Dream
50" x 50"
oil on canvas

Joseph the King
50" x 50"
oil on canvas





Sur la Mer
50" x 50"
oil on canvas

