

# Shany Porras – Artist C.V.

## Artist Statement

Shany Porras’s abstract paintings visually translate what is experienced through music. Her classical music training when young has meant that music remains an essential part of her daily living. She ‘sees’ music as an abstract language, and she translates music to paintings, much in the same way she would translate one language to another. Shany chooses music that is inspirational to her, selecting from topics such as Greek mythology, her home country of Venezuela, or today’s popular or politically charged music. Each painting is unique to each musical piece, and it is clear that the selection of medium, including acrylic paint, graphite, wax crayons, ink, and spray paint, found objects, etc., hinges on her interpretation of the language of music. Her art is deeply influenced by Bauhaus and the American abstract painters of the 20th century, borrowing from their techniques, and applying them as needed to interpret music.

## Artist Bio

Shany Porras has a B.A. and a B.F.A. from Rice University in Houston, Texas. At Rice, Shany started as an architecture major, then transferred into the Fine Art program after her sophomore year, where she focused on painting and lithography, establishing a foundation of abstract art. Shany’s paintings have been selected into juried shows such as the Connecticut Academy of Fine Art’s annual juried show, and Fountain Street Gallery’s annual call for art. Shany currently maintains a studio outside Boston, MA, and actively shows in both around New England and New York City. Shany is an associate member of the National Association of Women Artists (NAWA) and Cambridge Art Association (CAA).

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## Exhibitions & Publication

### Juried and Group Shows

- **Fountain Street Gallery. "Seeking Care" Associate Member Show; August 2-30, 2020.** Curated by Daniel Zeese and Georgina Lewis. Selected paintings by Shany Porras translating Frédéric Chopin and Marin Marais. [www.fsfaboston.com](http://www.fsfaboston.com)
- **Fountain Street Gallery. "Abstracted Sanctuary" Show; August 17-30, 2020.** Curated by Rebecca Skinner. Selected paintings by Shany Porras translating music by David Gray and Marin Marais. [www.fsfaboston.com](http://www.fsfaboston.com)
- **"In the Zone", Online at Morini Gallery; September 1- December 31, 2020.** Translation No. 1 of "Les Folies d'Espagne" (M. Marais); accepted for juried exhibit.
- **2020 Mary Schein Fall Salon, Cambridge Art Association; September 9-30, 2020.** "Palante! A Venezuelan Allegory of Symphony No. 5 by Shostakovich," accepted for juried exhibit.
- **Fountain Street Fine Art, Boston, MA. March 2020.** Three-artist 'Annex' show March 4-29, 2020. <https://www.fsfaboston.com/annex-march-2020>
- **Project B Gallery exhibition "Gesture".** February 12 - March 8, 2020.  
2 Central Street, Building #1 Framingham, Massachusetts 01701. Juror: Sorin Bica
- **NAWA's Small Works Winter 2020 Exhibition. February 5-26, 2020.** NAWA Gallery, 315 West 39th Street, New York, NY 10018
- **NAWA Associate Member Online Exhibition, 2020.** <https://www.thenawa.org/associate-members-online-exhibition/>
- **ATAC 11th Annual Juried Art Exhibition - Framingham, MA. September 12 - October 31, 2019.** Artist Shany Porras has four paintings accepted to ATAC's annual juried show. Jurors: [Lena McCarthy](#) and [Gail Dodge](#).
- **Berkshires Arts Festival - Great Barrington, MA. July 5-7, 2019.**  
Juried art show featuring 'Music Translation' Series by Shany Porras.
- **The Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts, 108th Annual Exhibition. Mystic Museum of Art, April 19 - June 1, 2019.** [CAFA Exhibition Website](#)
- **Conception Art Show - Boston. May 15, 2019.**  
Shany Porras was awarded "Honorable Mention" at this juried art show for the 'Music Translation' series.
- **Conception Art Show - New York City. May 9, 2019.**  
Featuring new works from Shany Porras as part of a small group show.

### Art Fairs and Festivals

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- **Mother Brook Arts Winter Market - Dedham, MA. December 7 and 8, 2019.**  
As a visiting artist at Mother Brook Arts Center in Dedham, artist Shany Porras will be displaying and selling her current works from the 'Music Translation' series.
- **Howard Street Studios 2019 Fall Open Studios - Framingham, MA. November 16 and 17, 2019.**  
As a resident artist at Howard Street Studios, artist Shany Porras will be displaying and selling her current works from the 'Music Translation' series.
- **New England Home Show at Boston Seaport. February 22-24, 2019.**  
Featuring current works from the 'Transition' series.

#### Publication

- **It's All About the Arts Magazine: A Creative Combo**, by Curt Naihersey, March 2020. Featured article about Shany's art & process - <https://issuu.com/artstudio99/docs/march2020issue/6>

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