Melissa Lea Simmons (1967, USA)

## About the Artist

Melissa Lea is celebrated for her vibrant and expressive abstract paintings. Currently residing in Maine with her husband of over 25 years, Melissa Lea's art reflects a rich tapestry of her life's experiences, from her business and educational background to her deep-rooted faith, and her New England heritage.

## Artistic Style

Melissa Lea's abstract paintings are distinguished by bold colors and dynamic marks that radiate energy and love for life. Her intuitive process allows her imagination to roam free, leading to a diverse range of subjects, including landscapes, botanical bouquets, interiors, exteriors, and non-representational abstractions. Whimsy, memory, traditions, and the delicate balance between chaos and order are often present in her works.

## Career and Achievements

Melissa Lea’s artwork has garnered regional and international acclaim in just a short time. After a career as an administrative professional and NH licensed educator, she began to paint professionally in 2021. Her artworks are exhibited regionally and in online galleries, they have received numerous awards and are published. She has an international social media following and is the founder of an active online artists promotion network.

## Media and Techniques

Melissa Lea is a self-taught intuitive artist who creates from her imagination without relying on references or predefined plans. Her creative palette includes acrylics, gouache, oil pastels, soft pastels, and various other media. She is dedicated to exploring different subjects, techniques, and media, to share the liberating experience of creation with others.

## Artist's Philosophy

"Your spirit should be edified, uplifted, and curious when you experience my art.   
Maybe a piece will cause you to pause a moment,   
release your thoughts, and explore possibilities,"

Melissa Lea.