

Artist Bio

My name is Cierra Brown. I was born in Dayton, Ohio, to a loving military family. As a military brat, I moved around a bit until my dad retired in Virginia. Growing up, I've always had a creative mind and a desire to make art. In high school I really harnessed that creative nature and started private tutoring with an experienced artist of 25 years. Through her instruction, I learned how to work with color pencils, watercolor, graphite, charcoal, and oil paint. I studied with her for nearly 4 years. After graduating from homeschooling, I entered the Fine Arts program of Northern Virginia Community College. During my time at there, I had the opportunity to participate in the school's gallery shows and was chosen to display my art in Manassas. After receiving my Associates of Applied Arts, I started teaching private art classes. I am currently a self-employed artist with a dream to continue doing what I love, creating.

Artist Statement

Every piece of artwork I complete I consider to be my art child. I treat each one with a tender hand and a loving heart. I spend hours upon hours raising my concepts to be carefully rendered completed works of art. Each painting/drawing has a part of my heart poured into it.

I want my work to be a testimony to my life. My work is often heavily inspired by my Christian faith. Although it appears very modern and surreal, I am greatly influenced by the old masters. Along with fitting in with my fellow contemporary creators, I also want to revive the methods and beauty of historic artists.

When viewing at my work, I strive for a feeling of childhood innocence and hope. If my art invokes a smile then I have done my job. If the viewer finds more than just beauty in the painting, I have achieved my goal. I hope that people can connect and live in the work rather than just find it nice to look at. Creating art is a journey and I wish to bring the viewer on the journey with me.