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## Bio

Vivian Coleman is an award-winning visual artist creating contemporary abstract paintings using acrylic and watercolor. She takes a bold approach with her art in parallel with her determination to live life fully. Vivian's style typically includes vibrant colors and textures that tell stories originating from a life best enjoyed in adventure.

With a passion for the outdoors Vivian earned a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from North Carolina State University becoming licensed as a landscape architect and has put her education to task creating more walkable and bikeable communities over the past 30 years as a city planner and community builder. Vivian, the visual artist, has been creating art pieces that reflect outdoor places, moods and memories through bold colors and textures. It is what she loves about painting.

Vivian's first painting memories were creating pieces in her grandmother's studio. Both loved to create and enjoy the magic of her grandmother's garden. Vivian grew up playing in the woods, fields and creeks near her home building a foundation for her love of the outdoors. She has traveled to many destinations throughout the world, hiking in places as distant as Nepal in the Himalayan mountains to as close as the Appalachian Trail, competing in triathlons and enjoys kayaking and gardening. Vivian has embraced the Alaskan and Yukon wilderness over the past twelve years, most recently working as a tour guide running sled dog teams in the extreme northern landscape where these dogs love to run and feed their purpose in life. These experiences feed Vivian's soul as she puts paint to the canvas.

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"The spirit of wilderness, the experience of travel and a drive for creativity are my intersection - the dot on the earth where my passion, skills and what the world needs is found. This intersection is manifest in the art I compose."

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## Professional Studio Locations

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| 2024-2019 | Charlotte Art League - NODA                   | Charlotte, NC |
| 2025-2021 | Studio at West 2nd @ Grandin – Wesley Heights | Charlotte, NC |

## Gallery & Retail Representation

2025-2024 Coffey and Thompson Gallery, Charlotte, NC  
2025 CLT Find, Dilworth & 7th St Market Locations, Charlotte, NC  
2025 Ruby's Gift, Charlotte, NC  
2025 East 8th Vintage, Charlotte, NC  
2025-2024 Charlotte Visitors Center, Charlotte, NC  
2025-2019 Charlotte Art League, NODA, Charlotte, NC  
2025-2023 Rhino Market West, Charlotte, NC  
2024 Xanadu Gallery Fall 2024 Catalogue, Scottsdale, AZ

## Exhibitions, Shows & Festivals

2025 Miami Art Week, Red Dot Art Show, Miami, FL  
2025 Wide Open, Art Fluent, Virtual Exhibit, Boston, MA  
2025 Artoberfest Judged Group Show, Mooresville, NC  
2025 Mooresville Fine Arts Festival, Mooresville, NC  
2025 Mugs Coffee, Charlotte, NC  
2025 Sip City, Charlotte, NC  
2025 Guild of Charlotte Artists, Christ Church Summer Show, Charlotte, NC  
2025 Verum Ultimatum Art Gallery Virtual Exhibition: 12th Annual Abstract Sanctuary, Portland, OR  
2025 Mooresville Arts Featured Artists, Group Exhibit, Mooresville, NC  
2025 Mint Museum Uptown Spring Exhibit, Guild of Charlotte Artists, Charlotte, NC  
2025 Art in the Park Festival, Blowing Rock, NC  
2025 Winter Juried Show, Guild of Charlotte Artists, Charlotte, NC  
2025 Charlotte Art League Winter and Summer Juried Shows, Charlotte, NC  
2024 Holiday Online Gift Art Show, Guild of Charlotte Artists, Charlotte, NC  
2024 International Themed Show, Guild of Charlotte Artists, Monroe, NC  
2025-2021 Festival in the Park, Freedom Park, Charlotte, NC  
2024 Charlotte Art League Club 100 Exhibit, Charlotte, NC  
2024 Mecklenburg County, District Attorney's Office Show, Charlotte, NC  
2024 Victoria Yards, Shop the Yard, Charlotte, NC  
2024 Summer "Smalls" Show, Guild of Charlotte Artists, Charlotte, NC  
2024-2021 Kings Drive Art Walk, Charlotte, NC  
2024 Hippiefest, Salisbury, NC  
2024 Catawba Lands Conservancy/Carolina, Thread Trail Conference Rooms, Charlotte, NC  
2024 Wesley Heights Spring Party, Charlotte, NC  
2024 Revolution Resolutions Group Show, Charlotte, NC  
2023 McDowell Arts Center Fall Show, Guild of Charlotte Artists, Matthews, NC  
2023 Small Works & Renters Only Group Show, Charlotte Art League, Charlotte, NC

2023 Charlotte Ballet - Boundaries Exhibition, Group Show, Uptown Charlotte, NC  
 2023 Matthews Alive Festival, Matthews, NC  
 2023 Truist Center Local Artist Pop-Up Series Charlotte, NC  
 2023 Pirates Alley, French Quarter Art Exhibit & Sale New Orleans. LA  
 2023-2022 West 2<sup>nd</sup> & Grandin Studio Open House Charlotte, NC  
 2022 Red Bluff Gallery, Abstract Expressions Exhibition, Red Bluff Gallery, CA  
 2022 Camden Commons Market - Ester and Elsa, Charlotte, NC  
 2021 Heist Brewery - Group Exhibition, Charlotte, NC  
 2021 Hands on ESSA - Small Scale Art Auction, Eureka Springs School of the Arts, AR  
 2021 Front Porch Sundays - Ester and Elsa, South End, Charlotte, NC  
 2021 Primal Brewing Market, Charlotte, NC  
 2021 Ballantyne Markets at 11 - Ester and Elsa, Charlotte, NC  
 2021-2020 Small Business Saturdays - Ester and Elsa, South End, Charlotte, NC  
 2021-2020 Nebel's Alley Gallery - Ester and Elsa, South End, Charlotte, NC  
 2020 Starving Artist Market Virtual Holiday Market, Virtual Online  
 2020 Wesley Heights Art and Music Festival, Charlotte, NC  
 2020 Dallas Lavender Farm Annual Festival, Dallas, NC  
 2020 'Animal House' Group Exhibition, Charlotte Art League, Charlotte, NC  
 2020 'Blue: Celebration of Cool Hues' Exhibition, Charlotte Art League, Charlotte, NC  
 2019 Armored Cow Brewing Market, Charlotte, NC  
 2019 The Metropolitan Market, Charlotte, NC

## Juried Shows

2025 North Carolina State Finals Silver Arts, Cary, NC  
 2025 Mecklenburg County Silver Arts Show, Charlotte, NC  
 2024 Charlotte Art League Winter Juried Show, Charlotte, NC  
 2024 Summer Juried Show, Guild of Charlotte Artists, Charlotte, NC  
 2023 Winter Juried Show, Guild of Charlotte Artists, Charlotte, NC  
 2022 Red Bluff Gallery, Red Bluff, CA  
 2022 North Carolina Silver Arts Show, Cary, NC  
 2022 Mecklenburg County Silver Arts Show Charlotte, NC  
 2021 Charlotte Art League Winter Show, Charlotte, NC  
 2020 Charlotte Art League Spring Show, Charlotte, NC

## Awards

2025 "Sunshine" – 2nd Place, Watercolor Category, North Carolina State Finals Silver Art Competition, 11" x 14" Framed Watercolor  
 2025 "Sunshine" – 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Watercolor Category, Mecklenburg County Silver Art Competition, 11" x 14" Framed Watercolor

- 2025 "Breaking Through" - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Mixed Media Category, Mecklenburg County Silver Art Competition, 36" x 24", Acrylic on Canvas
- 2022 "A Glimpse of Hope" – Judges Favourites, Abstract Expressions Exhibition, Red Bluff Gallery, 36" x 36", Acrylic on Canvas
- 2022 "Daydream on My Mind" – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Watercolor Category, Mecklenburg County Silver Art Competition, 12" x 12" Framed Watercolor
- 2022 "Fireweed in July #3" – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Mixed Media Category, Mecklenburg County Silver Art Competition, 8" x 8", Acrylic on Canvas
- 2021 "Cat Tails" – Selected for the Winter Juried Show - Charlotte Art League  
48" x 48" Acrylic on Wood Frame
- 2020 "Earth and Sky", 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Spring Juried Show - Charlotte Art League  
20" x 20" Acrylic on Wood Frame
- 2020 "Winterstorm" – Selected for the Art and Soul Show - Charlotte Art League  
14" x 18" Acrylic on Canvas

## Memberships & Professional Affiliations

- Guild of Charlotte Artists Member
- Mooresville Arts Member
- Charlotte Art League Member
- NC Landscape Architect
- American Institute of Certified Planners