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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.

"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."



Professional Studio Locations

2026-2021 Studio at West 2nd @ Grandin – Wesley Heights Charlotte, NC
2024-2019 Charlotte Art League - NODA Charlotte, NC

Gallery & Retail Representation

2026 CLT Find, Charlotte – Dilworth & 7th St Market Locations
2026 Ruby's Gift, Charlotte, NC
2026 East 8th Vintage, Charlotte, NC
2026-2024 Charlotte Visitors Center, Charlotte, NC
2026-2019 Charlotte Art League – NODA, Charlotte, NC
2026-2023 Rhino Market West, Charlotte, NC
2025-2024 Coffey and Thompson Gallery, Charlotte, NC
2024 Xanadu Gallery Fall 2024 Catalogue, Scottsdale, AZ
2024-2023 HeArt and Soul of the Yadkin Valley Gallery, Elkin, NC (closed)

Exhibitions, Shows & Festivals

2026 Winter Juried Show, Queen City Art, Charlotte, NC
2026 Mooresville Arts Winter Juried Show, Mooresville, NC
2025 Miami Art Week, Red Dot Art Show, Miami, FL
2025 Art Fluent WIDE OPEN Online 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 Ultimum 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 2nd & 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

Solo Shows

2026 Theatre Charlotte, Featured Artist Series, 'God of Carnage' Production, Charlotte, NC
 2026 Queen City Art, Featured Artist of the Month, Charlotte, NC

Juried Shows

2026	Winter Juried Show, Queen City Art, Charlotte, NC
2026	Mooresville Arts Winter Juried Show, Mooresville, NC
2025	Art Fluent WIDE OPEN Online Exhibit, Boston, MA
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" – 1st Place, Watercolor Category, Mecklenburg County Silver Art Competition, 11" x 14" Framed Watercolor
2025	"Breaking Through" - 3rd 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" – 3rd Place, Watercolor Category, Mecklenburg County Silver Art Competition, 12" x 12" Framed Watercolor
2022	"Fireweed in July #3" – 3rd 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", 3rd 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
- Queen City Art Member

- NC Landscape Architect
- American Institute of Certified Planners