

# *DREAMSCAPES & ABSTRACTS*

## Juror's statement by Josie Rodriguez

This quote by Degas, "It isn't what you see, but what you help others see." came to mind as I looked at each of your submitted pieces. It was an honor and joy for me to be the juror for this show, "Dreamscapes and Abstracts." As I walked around the gallery looking at each of your works interpreting the theme I felt as if I were in a space, a place of dreams and mystery. What did I see? What was it that you wanted me to see? Do I feel a connection with you as the artist?

It was my responsibility to select work that was technically and thematically the best. I did that with the utmost respect, care and consideration for each of you. I wish I could have selected you all. I want you to know that as an artist I know what it feels like to not have my work accepted. It is important to not take it personally and to realize that this is only one opinion.

I chose work that represented a variety of two and three dimensional work, fiber and paper.

Subtle images, line, color and design, texture, mystery, surprise, movement and uniqueness were words that came to mind as I made my selections.

My wish for you who have submitted work is to create as often as you can, enter your work to many shows, and try to submit your very best work that follows the theme of the exhibit when entering a show.

Huge congratulations to those who received awards. Those pieces truly resonated with me.

Thank you for the honor of jurying your work and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

Warmly, Josie Rodriguez

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