

Erica Hasenbeck is an abstract painter who is inspired by the order, chaos and beauty of the natural world. Her work comes from a deep connection to her emotional and spiritual life. She works primarily with acrylic, pencil, canvas and non-traditional materials. Her work is marked by vibrant colors and metallics, as well as repeated shapes and geometric forms. Erica's love of art began in childhood and was nurtured by her family and many teachers. In addition to painting, Erica has worked in photography, oil pastels and mixed-media collage. Believing in the healing power of artistic expression, Erica now shares her love of art through workshops for at-risk youth and young adults with mental health challenges at the Downtown Community Arts Collective (dcac). She has been involved as a volunteer since its opening in July 2008, and now maintains a studio as an artist-in-residence. Erica is a social worker by profession and follower of the dharma. Originally from Sonoma County, Erica now lives in Fresno, California with her family.