

MELANIE GREIN | Artist Statement

I paint as a form of expression and self-discovery. Each mixed media painting is a very personal story, representing the intersection of a journey, memory and mood. Recently I have been exploring the vast array of choices, directions and decisions that accompany change and how the past merges with and affects the future. My process involves alternately adding and eliminating, shifting and restructuring elements until the moment a satisfying solution emerges. I incorporate multiple layers to reveal passages of time and history. I am intrigued by the power of a small detail or single element to create a shift in the harmony, balance and tension of a composition.

The pure act of painting--exploring relationships among texture, form, space, movement and color-- delights me. The process is at once engaging, exhilarating, frustrating and rewarding.