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FINE ART FOR THE SENSES

MARY TOMÁS, TN

BIO

Mary Tomás is an artist who has worked in many mediums, from watercolor, pastels, pen and ink, acrylics and oils. Graduating from The Art Institute of Pittsburgh with an Associates Arts Degree in 1976, she has worked for area newspapers, TV news programs, textile companies and advertising agencies as a designer and illustrator. Eventually her fine art experience called her to devote more time to it's development.

In 1998 Mary Tomás opened her first studio gallery in the Bishop Arts District in Oak Cliff, TX, where her exploration in painting and gallery ownership began. Tomás works primarily in oils and uses metaphoric imagery with natural and spiritual connotations. She established herself with many designers and art companies who commission her work for personal and corporate clients. Her work has been exhibited in many venues throughout the United States and Virgin Islands.

In 2004 she became involved as Gallery Director for AL-SO Gallery located in Dallas, TX for 5 years. In 2009 Tomás opened her own contemporary fine arts gallery, MARY TOMÁS GALLERY, where over 25 mid-career contemporary artists, including herself were represented for 11 years. Tomás' work is collected locally, nationally and internationally both corporate and individual collectors. Retired from the gallery business in 2020 and moving to Tennessee she has established herself as a local artist.

STATEMENT

Contemporary painter Mary Tomás captures the quiet grace of natural forms; creating restful interludes in which to contemplate her ethereal scenes and to discover the metaphoric imagery revealed within their simplicity that gives three-dimensional context to the literal, emotional and spiritual world she interprets.

Using translucent and saturated color, light and shadow, form and space, Tomás explores the cohesive and mutable relationships between the elements of air, water, earth and sky, and their parallels in human nature. Evoking serenity to inspire a meditative calm, she seeks to awaken the consciousness.

Her technique, layering thin oil washes as in the early chiaroscuro painters who used intense lights and darks to create a heightened sensorial experience, engages the viewer on a journey deeper into the canvas. The effect is a visual conversation; punctuated with the intrigue between line and form, flowing with the subtle play of light, and changing with nuances between subject and viewer.



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ONE PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 CREATION, M. Tomás, Museum of Biblical Art, Dallas TX
- 2010 RETROSPECT, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
- 2009 POETRY OF TREES, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
FLUID FORMS, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
TRAMP ART, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
- 2008 COLLECTION, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Dallas TX
- 2007 PHANTOM PEACE, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
BLACK OR WHITE, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
RETROSPECT, Northaven Methodist Church, Dallas TX
- 2006 IN THE GARDEN, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
BETWEEN REALITIES, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
- 2005 PURE LIGHT, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
GO WITH THE FLOW, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
- 2004 SLEEPING VIRGINS, Kariba Gallery, St. John USVI
THE IMPORTANCE OF FLOATING, Trio Gallery, Dallas TX
INTRODUCTIONS, Private home, Dallas TX
- 2003 RETROSPECT, M Fine Art Studio, Oak Cliff TX
NATURAL, M Fine Art Studio, Oak Cliff TX
- 2002 SACRED SPACE, M Fine Art Studio, Oak Cliff TX
SPELL OF THE SENSES, Starbucks, Dallas TX
DRIVE BY STUDIO TOUR 3, M Fine Art Studio, Oak Cliff TX
- 2001 ORIGINAL SIN, M Fine Art Studio, Oak Cliff TX
DRIVE BY STUDIO TOUR 2, M Fine Art Studio, Oak Cliff TX
- 2000 FREEDOM BY FIRE, Starbucks, Dallas TX
FREEDOM BY FIRE, Northaven Methodist Church, Dallas TX

TWO OR MORE PERSONS EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 MEET ME UP HERE, L. Schappe-Youens and M. Tomás, GVG, Santa Fe, NM
- 2014 INTO THE QUIET, D. W. Baker and M. Tomás, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
- 2013 SIDE BY SIDE, C. Drennan and M. Tomás, The Ashton, Dallas TX
- 2011 DIALOGUE, M. Tomás and B. Nimelman, Mary Tomás Gallery
- 2010 MAZZA-TOMAS RETROSPECT, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
- 2006 RETROSPECT, M. Tomás and E. Ritz, Trinity Lofts Open House, Dallas TX
- 2004 SIX SMILE - LIFE, ART, LEFT, M. Tomás and B. Nimelman, Brooklyn NY
- 2003 SLEEPING VIRGINS & VESSELS, M. Tomás and K. Sowa, Bajo el Sol Gallery, St. John USVI
ISLANDS, M. Tomás & K. Sowa, Caneel Bay Resort, St. John USVI
- 2002 AUGUST & EVERYTHING, M. Tomás and B. Nimelman, Southside on Lamar, Dallas TX
SPELL OF THE SENSES, M. Tomás and M. Mentler, M Fine Art Studio, Oak Cliff TX



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- 2001 RETROSPECT, M. Tomás & K. Barfield, M Fine Art Studio, Oak Cliff TX
2000 ORIGINAL SIN & COLORS, M. Tomás and B. Nimelman, M Fine Art Studio, Oak Cliff TX
1999 FREEDOM BY FIRE & CHANNELING CEZZANE, M. Tomás & H. Lewis,
Cedar Valley College, Lancaster TX

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 McNABB CENTER, Breakthrough Gala, Chattanooga TN
2018 SUMMER OF 2018 GROUP EXHIBITION, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
ARTSCAPE, Dallas Arboretum, Dallas TX
2017 TWELVE, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
SURFACE, L. Schappe-Youens, M. Tomás & B. Vaughn-Gruler Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
ARTSCAPE, Dallas Arboretum, Dallas TX
2016 LAYERED TONES, curated by ASID designer Charlotte Comer, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
FREQUENCY, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
2015 CORE II, CADD Bus Tour, Curated by Art Advisor Ashley Tatum, Dallas TX
2014 FAMILY I & II, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
2013 SPRING FORWARD, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
SOUTHWEST ABSTRACTIONS, GVG Contemporary on Canyon Road in Santa Fe NM
2012 SPRING FORWARD, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
SOUTHWEST ABSTRACTIONS, GVG Contemporary on Canyon Road in Santa Fe NM
ABSTRACTION, FORM & FUNCTION, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
DADA, Spring & Fall Gallery Walk, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
2011 21st CENTURY, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
DADA, Spring & Fall Gallery Walk, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
ATMOSPHERE, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
NEW WORKS, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
2010 NEW WORKS-BEAUTIFUL THOUGHT SERIES DEBUT, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
DADA, Spring & Fall Gallery Walk, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
ABSTRACT THINKING, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
DRAWN FROM LIFE, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
2009 INNER CIRCLE, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
CHAOS & ORDER, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
ORGANICA, Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
2008 ART, Midlothian Community Center, Midlothian TX
2007 KATIE BOLKA BENEFIT, Ursuline students & local professionals, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
LADY and the TRAMP, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
EXPLORING THE 23RD PSALM, Park Cities Presbyterian Church, Dallas TX
DADA, Spring & Fall Gallery Walk, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
A FULL LIFE, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
BRAINFOOD, The Kessler School Benefit Auction, Private home, Oak Cliff TX
WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE ART EXHIBIT, Adolphus Hotel, Dallas TX



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- DANCING WITHOUT LIMITS, Dallas Black Dance Theater Benefit Show, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
WAR & PEACE, The MAC Members Show, Dallas TX
BLUE YULE, The MAC Christmas Art Ornament Sale, Dallas TX
- 2006 NATURAL WONDERS, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
DADA, Spring & Fall Gallery Walks, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
THE BATTERY, Members Show, Artist Association of St. John USVI
STEEL, WOOD, CANVAS, GLASS, Turtle Creek Chorale Benefit Show, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
FIGURE EIGHT, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
SIP 'N STROLL, Gallery Walk sponsored by Modern Luxury Magazine,
Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
OSBOURNE BULLS FOR CHARITY AUCTION, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
GLOBAL WARMING, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
THE CONTEMPORARY, Members Show, Dallas TX
NEW WORKS, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
ART CONSPIRACY II, La Reunion Art Group Benefit Show, Dallas TX
BLUE YULE, The MAC Christmas Art Ornament Sale, Dallas TX
- 2005 ALL SIX, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
DADA, Spring & Fall Gallery Walks, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
ALL SIX-NEW SIX, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
FRIENDS OF THE PARK, St. John National Park Benefit Show, St. John USVI
NINE, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
THE MAC, Members Show, Dallas TX
THE BATTERY, Members Show, Artist Association of St. John USVI
NEW WORKS, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
SIP 'N STROLL, Gallery Walk sponsored by Modern Luxury Dallas Magazine,
Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
BLUE YULE, The MAC Christmas Art Ornament Sale, Dallas TX
- 2004 MAY PARTY, Society of Figurative Arts, Addison TX
WORKS of MATT LAMB & AMERICAN ARTISTS, Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
EXPRESSIVE POWER OF ART - 9-11 Artist Collective, Trinity River Arts Center, Dallas TX
THE BATTERY, Members Show, Artist Association of St. John USVI
DESIGN ON DRAGON, Gallery Walk sponsored by Modern Luxury Magazine,
Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
BLUE YULE, The MAC Christmas Art Ornament Sale, Dallas TX
- 2003 THE BATTERY, Members Show, Artist Association of St. John USVI
WORLD HANDS, Benefit Show, St. John USVI
EXPRESSIVE POWER OF ART - 9-11 Artist Collective, Dallas Public Library, Dallas TX
TROPICAL, Members Show, Artist Association of St. John USVI
BLUE YULE, The MAC Christmas Art Ornament Sale, Dallas TX
- 2002 VISUALE - CUBAN & AMERICAN ARTISTS, Gallery 3000, Dallas TX
CELEBRATING ART, Private home, Dallas TX
EXPRESSIVE POWER OF ART - 9-11 Artist Collective, Plano Civic Center, Plano TX



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- FRITO LAY COLLECTION OPEN CALL, Juried Show, Plano TX
BLUE YULE, The MAC Christmas Art Ornament Sale, Dallas TX
2001 TEXAS ARTISTS, Watermark Hotel & Spa, San Antonio TX
MULTI-ETHNIC GROUP, Beaujor Galerie and UNT, Desoto TX
IFS, ANDS & BUTTS, Bishop Arts Collective, Oak Cliff TX
BLUE YULE, The MAC Christmas Art Ornament Sale, Dallas TX
2000 EXPRESSIONS, Cedar Valley College Art Competition, Lancaster TX
ISLANDS, Members Show, Artist Association of St. John USVI
THE MAC, Members Show, Dallas TX
THE CONTEMPORARY, Members Show, Dallas TX
POSTCARDS, Irving Arts Association Open Show, Irving TX
1999 CIVA IMAGE Workshop, Artist Exhibit, Santa Fe NM
TRADITIONAL ARTISTS, Juried Show, Dallas TX
DESOTO ART LEAGUE, Juried Show, Dallas TX
EXPRESSIONS, Cedar Valley College Arts Competition, Lancaster TX

MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 CREATION, M. Tomás, Museum of Biblical Art, Dallas TX
2018 AN ETHEREAL DIALOGUE, D. W. Baker and M. Tomás, Nave Museum, Victoria TX

MURAL

- 2021 A HAPPY PLACE, M. Tomás, Wimpie's Country Restaurant, Soddy Daisy TN

CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

- Pinnacle Financial Partners (Bank), TN, AL, KY
1920 McKinney Avenue, Dallas TX
Omni Hotel, Dallas TX
Paul and Judy Andrews Women's Hospital, Fort Worth TX
Watermark Hotel & Spa, San Antonio TX
SCI Corporate Headquarters, Houston TX
SCI Funeral Homes, National Locations
Nemacolin Woodland Resort & Spa, Farmington PA
Tenasco Corporation, Dallas TX
Various hotels and resorts nationwide
Trinity Lofts, Dallas TX
Cedar Valley College, Lancaster TX
Northaven Methodist Church, Dallas TX
Emanuel Lutheran Church, Dallas TX
J W Marriott, Hill Country TX
Dallas Convention Center Hotel, Dallas TX

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

- Locally, Nationally, Internationally collected



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AWARDS

- 2008 2ND PLACE PAINTING, Midlothian Civic Center Art Show, Midlothian TX
- 2007 2ND PLACE PAINTING, Exploring the 23rd Psalm, Park Cities Presbyterian Church, Dallas TX
- 2000 BEST TWO-DIMENSIONAL, Expressions, Cedar Valley College Arts Competition, Cedar Hill, TX
- 1999 3RD PLACE PAINTING, traditional artists juried show, Dallas TX
- 2000 BEST TWO-DIMENSIONAL, Expressions, Cedar Valley College Arts Competition, Lancaster TX
- 1999 BEST TWO-DIMENSIONAL, Expressions, Cedar Valley College Arts Competition, Lancaster TX
- 1998 1ST PLACE PAINTING, New Talent, Cedar Valley College, Lancaster TX
Chosen to represent Cedar Valley College at Mountain View College Art Show, Dallas TX
- 1974 - 1976 MERRIL-MILAI-STANLEY SCHOLARSHIP, Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA
- 1971 ART EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP, summer art workshop, Kansas University, Lawrence KS

GALLERIES

- 2024 - PRESENT Tinney Contemporary, Nashville TN
- 2009 - 2020 Mary Tomás Gallery, Dallas TX
- 2012 - 2016 GVG Contemporary, Santa Fe NM
- 2008 - 2010 Art-Centric, Dallas TX
- 2004 - 2007 Al-so Gallery, Dallas TX
- 2000 - 2013 Carson Art, Dallas TX
- 2004 - 2005 Kariba Gallery, St. John USVI
- 2003 Bajo el Sol Gallery, St. John USVI

PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 City Scope Magazine, Home Is Where The Heart Is, Chattanooga TN
- 2017 Dallas Style & Design, A Dynamic Duo, Mary Tomás curator, Dallas TX
- 2010 Preston Hollow People, Renato (René) Mazza Retrospect, Mary Tomás curator, Dallas TX
Turtle Creek News, Renato (René) Mazza Retrospect, Mary Tomás curator, Dallas TX
Dallas Morning News, Renato (René) Mazza Retrospect, Mary Tomás curator, Dallas TX
- 2007 Dallas Morning News, Al-so Gallery hosts Katie Bolka benefit show, Mary Tomás curator, Dallas TX
- 2003 Tradewinds, Mary Tomás & Kat Sowa at Bajo el Sol Gallery, St. John USVI
- 2003 Dallas Morning News, River Walk Hotel & Spa collects Texas Artists, Dallas TX

EDUCATION

- 2004 - 2006 Society of Figurative Arts, figure drawing with Michael Mentler, Addison TX
- 1999 CIVA Image Workshop, painting with Kate Curry, Ghost Ranch, Santa Fe NM



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1998 - 2000 Cedar Valley College, Painting 1 & 2, Printmaking 1& 2, with Linda Ridgway, Lancaster TX
1972 - 1973 North Texas State University, Liberal Arts studies, Denton TX
1974 - 1976 Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Associates of Arts Degree, Pittsburgh PA
1971 University of Kansas, summer art workshop, Lawrence KS

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2024 - 2025 McNabb Center private painting lessons, Chattanooga TN
2009 - PRESENT Semi-private painting lessons
2005 - 2013 Emanuel Community Center, summer arts & reading program, Dallas TX
2003 Caneel Bay Resort, private watercolor instruction, St. John USVI
2000 Wilkinson Center, summer art program for abused children, Safe Haven Kids, Dallas TX
1998 - 2004 M Fine Art Studio, private art instruction, Duncanville TX
1996 - 1997 Duncanville Elementary Schools, substitute art teacher, Duncanville TX
1993 - 1997 Big Thought Arts Organization, guest speaker at various metroplex schools, Dallas TX

WORK RELATED EXPERIENCE

2000 - PRESENT Artist, art consultant and public speaker
2009 - 2020 Mary Tomás Gallery, owner, Dallas TX
2006 - 2010 Constance Kay Inc., art card company, New York NY
2004 - 2007 Al-so Gallery, director and curator, Dallas TX
1988 - 2010 Mentler & Co., ideation illustration, Addison TX
1999 - 2004 M Fine Art Gallery, owner, Oak Cliff TX
1982 - 2010 Alma Graphics, co-owner, illustration and design, Dallas TX
2000 - 2004 Gibbe Productions, storyboard illustration, Dallas TX
1988 - 2010 Frito Lay, new product ideation, Plano TX
1988 - 1994 Designer, textile and jewelry, various clients, Dallas TX
1994 - 1997 PTA arts coordinator for the Duncanville School District, Duncanville TX
1994 - 1997 Big Thought, arts organization board member, Dallas TX
1976 - 1986 DBG&H, illustration director, Dallas TX
1976 WFAA News, courtroom artist, Dallas TX
1974 - 1975 Denton Record Chronicle, staff artist, Denton TX
1972 - 1973 Matthews Jewelry, Jewelry designer, Midland TX

PERSONAL DATA

1953 Born in Downy CA
1953 - 2020 lived and worked in: San Fransico CA, Phoenix AZ, Midland TX, Pittsburgh PA, Dallas TX
2020 - PRESENT lives and works in: Soddy Daisy TN