

**Khalilah Birdsong (USA, b. 1977)**

Born in Cleveland, Ohio and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, Khalilah Birdsong is a visual artist who creates largescale abstract paintings and installations. She combines physicality with a precision and a finely calibrated balance in her work.

Khalilah's work has been exhibited internationally and can be found in numerous private and corporate collections, including the 44th United States President Barack Obama's private collection, which is being considered to hang in his Presidential Library.

In 2019, Khalilah was named by Contemporary Art Curator Magazine (London, England) as "100 Future Contemporary Artists". She was invited to participate in the XIIth Florence Biennale in Florence, Italy and in 2020, she was awarded a Hambidge Fellowship for the Creative Arts & Sciences.

Khalilah lived in the rainforest of Maui, Hawai'i from 2017-2019, where she painted fervently in nature and discovered a new meaning of life that translates throughout her artwork. Birdsong currently lives in London, UK, where she is pursuing her Master of Fine Art at Goldsmiths, University of London.

Artist Statement

I am interested in survival and resurgence. Distress, weathering is palpable on the canvas, but so is reawakening. I build layers up and then take them away to create a painting that is, ultimately, whole. The process of layering and stripping builds contusions, bumps, and raw ridges, but also reveals patches of older, more forgotten colors.

Every painting is an experience through process, which translates to the canvas to create a story that can only be experienced visually. My process is strenuous to the medium. Through it, my paintings achieve resolution.

Below the Highwater

Acrylic on canvas
60 x 36 inches
(Located in small boardroom)



Within the Water Village

Acrylic on canvas
60 x 36 inches
(Located in small boardroom)



In the Rip

Acrylic on canvas
36 x 30 inches
(Located in customer dining)



In the Barrens

Acrylic on canvas
48 x 36 inches
(Located in customer dining)



Dreamers of the Southern Skies

Acrylic on canvas
36 x 30 inches
(Located in customer dining)

