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ABOUT

Robyn Friend is a first-generation Bulgarian-American painter whose work reflects a deep engagement with portraiture, atmosphere, and cross-cultural memory. She began her studies with noted American painter Leona Wood, and later continued her artistic development with painter and educator Zhenya Gershman, founder of Zhenya's Art Academy.

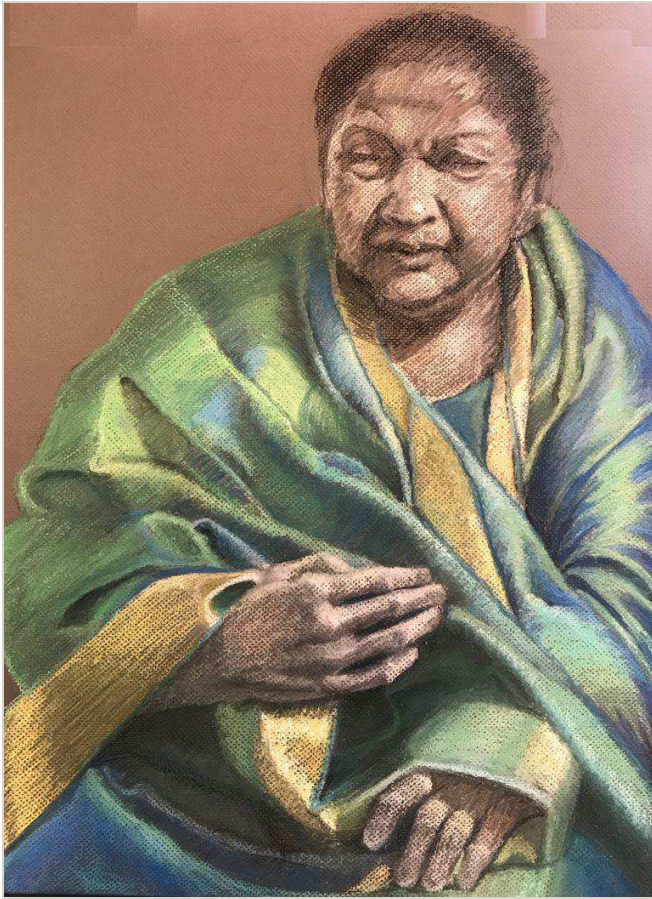
Working primarily in oil, and also in pastel, Robyn creates intimate figurative paintings that combine technical sensitivity with psychological depth. Her work is informed by years of immersion in the poetry, music, and visual traditions of Iran and the surrounding regions, subjects she explored extensively while earning her Ph.D. in Iranian Languages and Cultures from UCLA.

Robyn's portraits and narrative scenes are marked by quiet emotion, luminous color, and a strong sense of human presence. Her paintings often explore themes of identity, memory, and cultural continuity through carefully observed figures and evocative settings.

She has presented solo exhibitions in the Los Angeles area. Robyn Friend lives and works in Rolling Hills Estates, California.

ARTIST STATEMENT

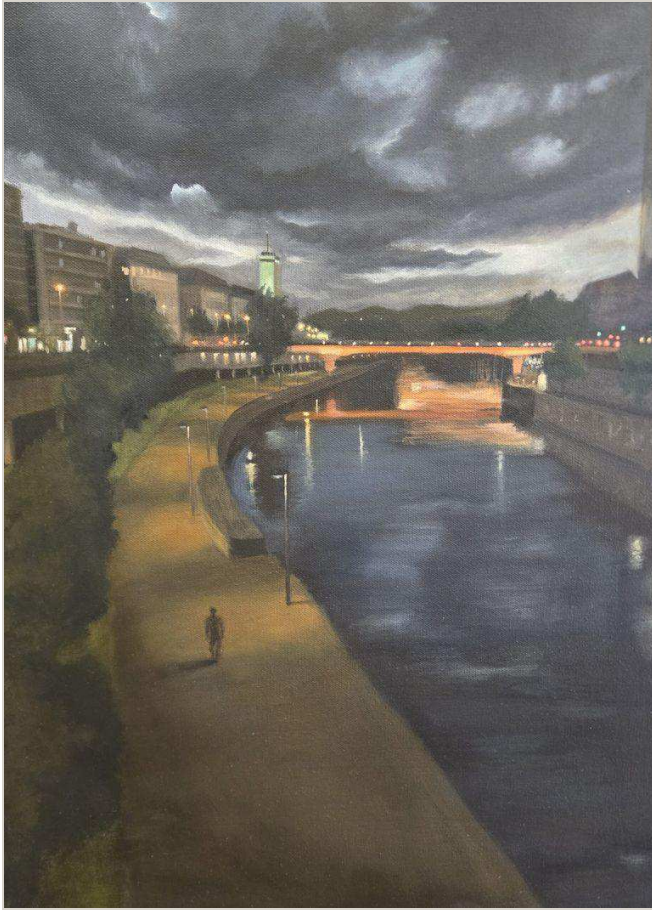
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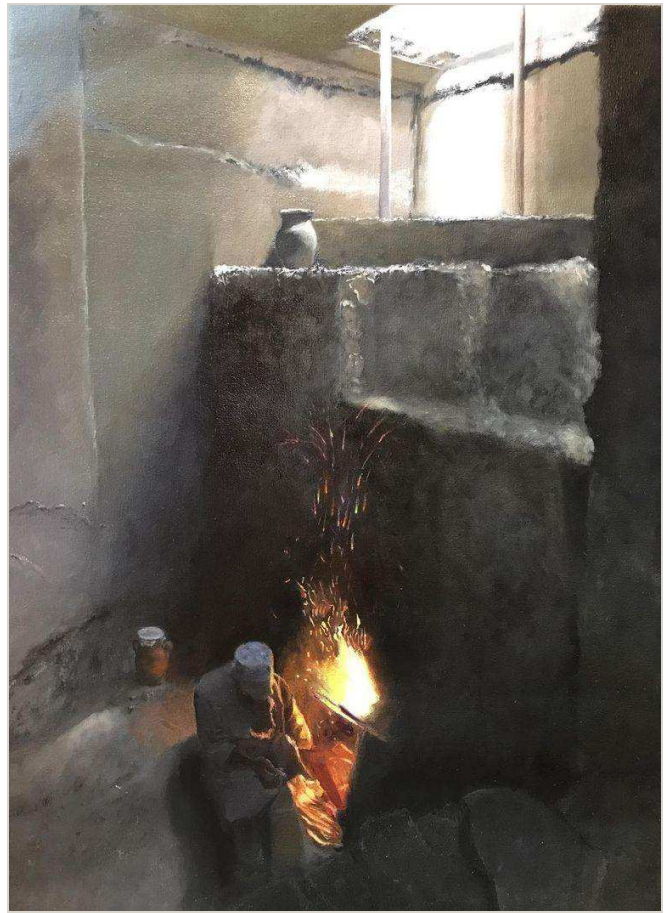
The silk and gold sari -- by Robyn Friend
pastel on paper · 18 × 24
SOLD



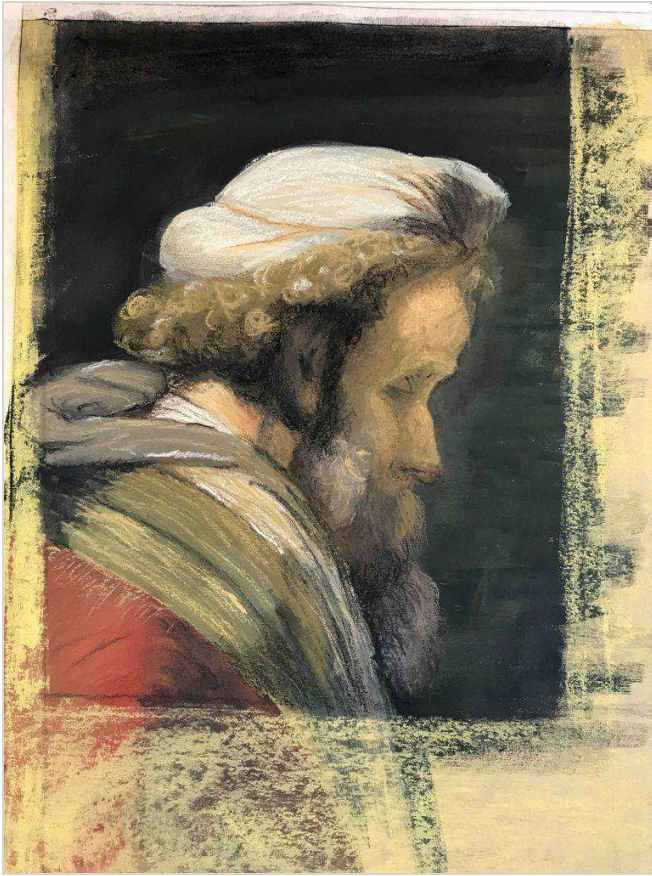
The Red Parka -- by Robyn Friend
oil on wood panel · 18 × 24
\$5,000



Vienna Evening -- by Robyn Friend
oil on canvas · 18 × 24
\$7,500



Al Farnachi -- The Firestoker of Marrakesh -- by Robyn Friend
oil on canvas · 18 × 24
\$7,500



The Rabbi (inspired by Rembrandt) -- by Robyn Friend

pastel and gouache on paper · 12 × 16
SOLD



The Blue Silk Jacket -- (inspired by Maurice Quentin de La Tour) -- Robyn Friend

pastel on paper · 21 × 26
SOLD



La Alquimista (portrait of Silvia) -- by Robyn Friend

oil on canvas · 24 × 24
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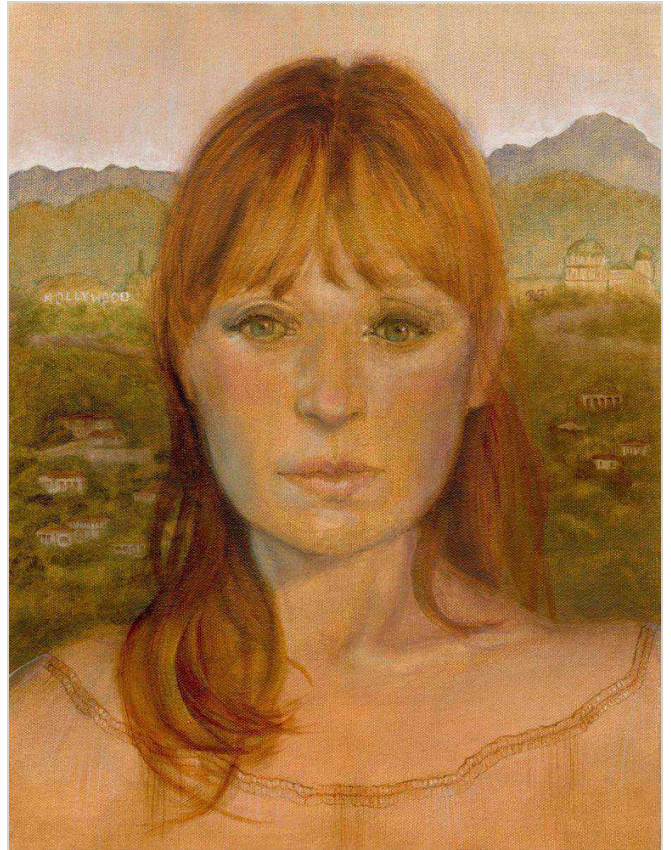
Patience (portrait of Annie)

oil on canvas · 16 × 20
SOLD



Flo and Manley -- by Robyn Friend

oil on wood panel · 16 × 16
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LA Lady (portrait of Laura) -- by Robyn Friend

oil on canvas · 18 × 24

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