

NANCY GOOD

About the Artist and the Art

Nancy Good was born in Texas in the 1960s and has lived and worked as an artist in Las Vegas since 2011. Her creative pursuits over the past three decades have been heavily influenced by: travels to Australia, Africa, Vietnam; childhood residency in Japan; adult life as an artist, photographer, musician, fly-fishing guide, backpacker, writer, and teacher in Montana, Nevada, California, Tennessee and Illinois, along with her eclectic DNA revealing connections with cultures the world over. A common thread through Good's work is how she employs materials and tools of modern times while playfully utilizing aesthetics of ancient ancestries, including symbols and primitive mark-making. The late Ed Fuentes (Paint This Desert, Arts & Culture Blog) described Good's art as Hockney-esque in color and aboriginal in expression.

Following undergraduate studies in classical voice, literature and art at Eureka College in Illinois, Good has continued ongoing self-education through extensive experimentation. Presently painting mural-sized (10' x 6'), physically-interactive, 2-dimensional works interpreting humanity's search for meaning, Good's studio practice is deeply rooted in self-discipline, dedication and unwavering focus on the creation of strong contemporary art that compels dialogue and human connection. Working with a sensory condition known as synesthesia, Good is acutely aware of vibrations, and translates this into her work via color palette and thematic elements.

In 2017, Good received a Nevada Arts Council Jackpot Grant to assist in the production of her large-format photographic/digital art works on fabric for exhibition at the Winchester Cultural Center in Las Vegas. Even larger works (7' x 7') from this series were subsequently commissioned for installation at the Delano Hotel in Las Vegas in 2018.

In May of 2018, Good also opened CORE Contemporary, a fine art gallery with the specific mission of providing exhibition opportunities for other artists, educational opportunities for the community, mentoring and artist development, and maintaining an arts & culture event space, all while she works in her on-site studio.

In April of 2019, Good was selected from applicants across the state to participate in the Nevada Arts Council's inaugural Basin to Range (BRX) program. This participation included the award of a grant to help support a collaborative partnership with St. Mary's Art Center (Virginia City, NV) to create a unique traveling art exhibition of 30 artists from Las Vegas and Virginia City.

A published and award-winning artist, Good's work is regularly seen in exhibits across the country in high profile locations such as Las Vegas City Hall, Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery (UNLV), Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art (UNLV), Nevada Humanities, HERE Arts in NYC, Nashville International Airport, Nashville Convention & Visitors Bureau, Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tennessee, Contemporary Arts Center in Las Vegas, Burning Man, Life is Beautiful Festival and galleries in the Southeast, New York, Montana, Nevada and California. Her work is also found in important private collections throughout the U.S. and overseas through sales, gifts and charitable donations, including the acquisition of her work by the Marjorie Barrick Museum of Fine Art and celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck. Most recently, Good has received three Congressional Commendations for her artistic contributions.