Life Layers

Mixed Media Works by Tonja Ihlenfeldt

Tonja's mixed media pieces are a combination of photography and painting. The process begins with a photo that Tonja has taken or a found historical photo. She edits the photo, prints it on canvas and paints on the photographic print with oil paint.

The process of creating the final piece includes a bold yet controlled procedure of applying paint, leaving brush strokes, exposing parts of the photo and transforming the photograph into a painting.

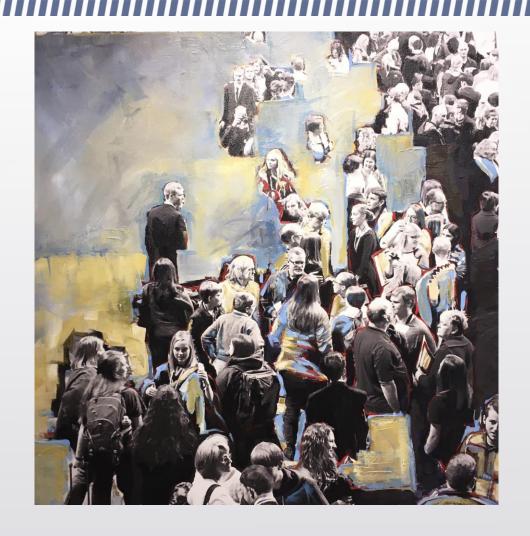
She loves creating a beautiful piece of art that speaks to the heart of the viewer, especially when the image alone may not normally get a second look.

A native Iowan, Tonja's career began with a BFA in painting from Arizona State University in1991. She has shown in galleries and participated in art shows all over the United States. Her work has found homes in places as far away as Australia, Taiwan and Japan.



Found

2018



The Way Home 2019



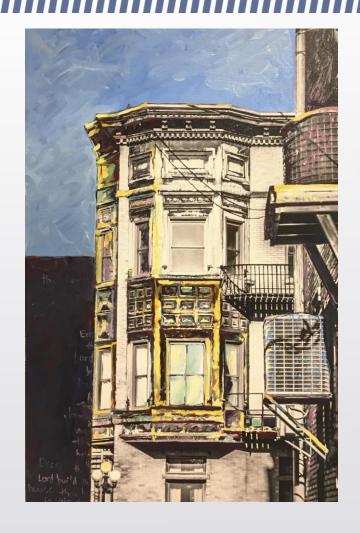
Stuck in Traffic

2020



The Lord Built the House

2016



Honor

2019



Everyday Calm 2018



House upon a Rock 2017



Ready to Sing

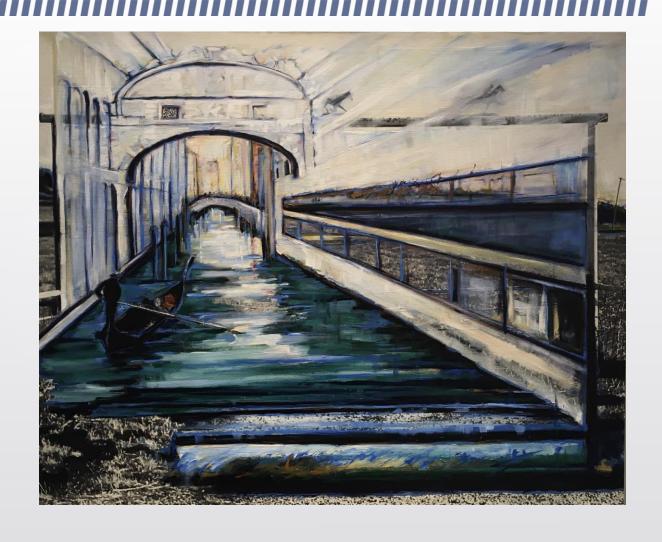
2019



Bridge of Freedom 2020

Mixed Media

From the **Isolated but not Alone** Series



Life is a Vapor



Unaware

2017

Mixed Media

From the **Shine** Series



Beauty for Ashes 2018



Harvest Time



Watching

2019

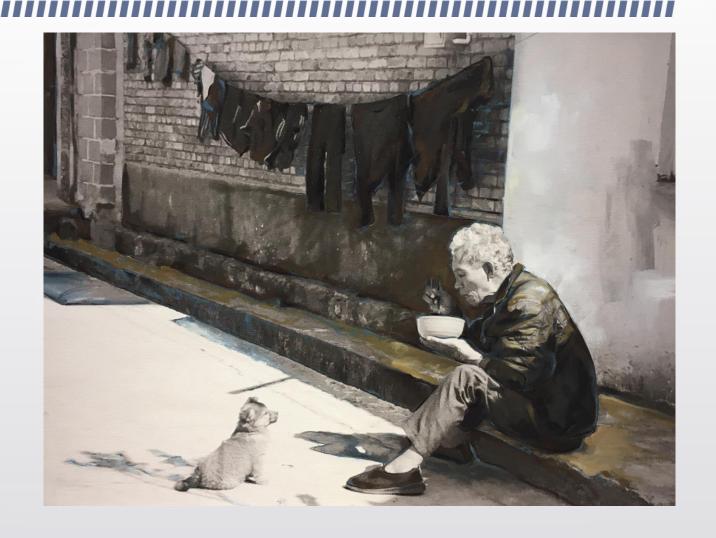


Thankful

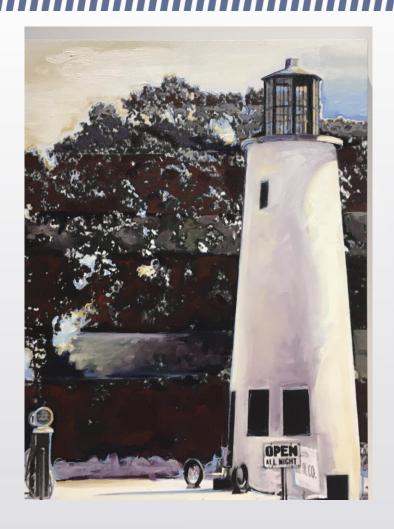
2018

Mixed Media

From the **Shine** Series



Light of Men 2016



Good Ground
2019



In the Moment 2020



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