



## **Sara Pittman**

Born in 1991. Lives and works in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.

### **Artist Statement**

American painter, Sara Pittman is interested in the exploration of intuition and its relationship to space in her atmospheric, non-representational paintings. The artist's desire to escape familiarity can be felt through her distinct, sfumato approach to painting in which she blends edges, softening shapes and marks to create movement that is dreamlike and mysterious. Her paintings, which are often described as exuding an emotional aura, are recognizable for their ethereal quality and ability to draw the viewer in through the use of light and dimension. Symphonic yet deliberate shapes and colors collide with chaotic marks in what becomes a harmonious exchange between intention and instinct. Pittman describes this part of her process as a 'bridge forming from a place of intuition to a moment of clarity' and sees its relationship to the dialogue between the human desire for freedom and the need for control. Through this juxtaposition her work transforms into a call and response exchange, and the painting takes on a narrative that is not so much revealing these personal explorations as it is hiding them. What results is a curious realm of compositional rhythms and brush work that pull the viewer in

and out, almost like viewing an image slightly out of focus. While the paintings themselves feel fantastical, the artist provides poetic titles that bring us back to the concrete world. Pittman gifts us with work that is visually out of the ordinary, yet emotionally familiar.

### **Education**

2015	Huntingdon College, Bachelor of Fine Arts
2016 – 2018	Redux Contemporary Art Center, Studio Artist Program

### **Awards / Press**

2020	Voyage Atlanta, "Hidden Gems", July
2020	The Visionary Projects, "Three Abstract Creatives We Love", July
2018	Artbeat Mag, "Walker Fine Art Presents a Conscious Surrender"
2018	Art Mag, INTRO Artists
2017	Post and Courier, December
2017	Charleston Style and Design
2017	American Art Collector, October
2017	Art Mag, "8 Artists Bringing the Heat This Summer"
2017	World of Interiors Magazine, Chicago
2017	Widewalls
2017	Avidly Home, Canada, "Artist Profile"
2014	Outstanding Artist of the Year, Huntingdon College

### **Speaking Engagements**

2017	Selected Presenter for Pecha Kucha XXVII, Charleston, SC
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### **Solo Exhibitions**

2018	<i>Sara Pittman: The Road Between</i> , Beresford Studios, Charleston, South Carolina
2018	<i>Sara Pittman: Unfamiliar Truths</i> , Tandem Art & Design, Savannah, Georgia
2016	<i>Jeffrey Cortland Jones &amp; Sara Pittman: Paintings by Sara Pittman and Jeffrey Cortland Jones</i> , Matthew Rachman Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

## **Group Exhibitions**

2021	Group Show, Walker Fine Art, Denver, Colorado
2021	Intuition, The Miller Gallery, Charleston, South Carolina
2018	Conscious Surrender, Walker Fine Art, Denver, Colorado
2018	Intro, Art Mag, Charleston, South Carolina
2017	Departure Theory, H. Gallery, Ventura, California