

# Cristine Saavedra Artist Statement

I am a self-taught artist who isn't afraid to experiment with new mediums and learn new techniques. I've always been a passionate artist since I was a young girl, dreamed with the of becoming a skilled artist. I want to showcase my talents using realistic art as I primarily work with oil painting on canvas. I am currently a full-time student at Golden West College, majoring in Studio Arts with plans to transfer to a university for Animation. My main purpose for each of my artworks is to give the audience the sense of realism to the subject by giving every brush stroke a meaning.

*La Escaramuza Charra Apasionada* is a painting I made for a painting class's final project. I wanted to depict the beauty of traditional Mexican culture. Represented in the incredibly vibrant colors outfit and accessories worn during a female equestrian event. Charrería is a famous sport, derived from Equestrian activities that used to be in Mexican haciendas but the sport usually depicted with men. Escaramuza charra is similar to Charrería, but you get to see teams of women pedaling these incredible horses, synchronized movements through music. Growing up in Mexico half my life has taught me to appreciate the beauty of the traditions in my culture. They are the reasons that I want to represent the beauty of being part of the Mexican culture in my painting.