

Katherine Chiu Artist Statement

I am a Los Angeles based artist. I work in acrylics on wood and I create original paintings and commissioned portraits. Through paintings and portraits, my work explores the subtle complexities of family dynamics and childhood. I am interested in how families shape one's relationship with, and understanding of, the outside world. My art often depicts characters navigating surreal landscapes, weaving between the tranquilities and mysteries of their environments. The sweetness is often tempered by a sense of somberness, isolation, and ambiguity. Act 1 is the first in a series of paintings that I structured like a play, told in three acts with two interludes. It reflects our bizarre world as it unfolded during the early days of the coronavirus spread. Starting with Act 1, the landscape erupts with social unrest, volcanoes literally spewing forth lava and scorching the earth as the underprivileged run for their lives. The following Acts show the aftermath and rebuilding, and highlight moments of beauty within the chaos. You can find more of the series and my work at www.katherinechiu.com. I am happy to hear from you!