

## Monica Hopenwasser Artist Statement

My artwork explores and celebrates womanhood and desire in heightened figurative compositions with simplified forms, vivid color and graphic shapes. Music is an influence in my artwork and the mixed media painting "Feeling Like The Amazon's Running Between My Thighs" is inspired by the song *Feelin' Love* by Paula Cole. The song is a deeply sensual, often overlooked love anthem that oohs and ahhs and I take this idea of "overlooked" and "sensual" in regards to women and weave its theme throughout my work. I create an otherworldly atmosphere that provokes and invites the viewer into an intimate space without shame. Material and process are important to my work and I love to combine my graphic design skills, image transfer methods and photography with painting and drawing to materialize fresh, unique artworks. And sometimes I like to just paint.

### Artist Bio

Monica Hopenwasser is a Los Angeles based artist. Monica graduated from The School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University with a BFA and earned her MFA in Integrated Media Arts at Hunter College. With roots in NYC, Monica has spent the last two decades in The Arts, focused on Art Education and Graphic Arts. In 2018, She relocated from New York City to the West Coast with her young son and spouse and established her Art Studio. Monica has exhibited in New York City and California in select exhibitions and her artwork is held in private collections in the USA.