

# Davyd Whaley



*Alchemy Manifest Oil on Wood 60" x 60"*

Tennessee-born artist **Davyd Whaley** creates bold, colorful images that are at once narrative and abstract. Each work is loose and sensual, as aspects of human story and emotion unfold amid broad strokes of paint. He masterfully creates contrasts of light, depth, and color, building up thick impasto layers of pigment, working with a palette knife to achieve special color effects that relay a passion and expressiveness that is a hallmark of his work. Forms are asymmetrical and compositions off balance, which give his paintings an exciting, edgy feel.

Whaley believes in the power of dreams, and his art is built around this portal to the world of the subconscious. "The genesis of painting, for me, comes from my dreams and the subconscious, with a basis in spiritual beliefs and Jungian psychological connections," he explains. He understands dreams to be interconnected insights or maps of how to navigate everyday life. These dreams "come in short little bursts, like thunderstorms," containing layers and patterns that become telling when pieced together. For Whaley, abstract-style painting gives voice to this subliminal terrain, providing a language with which intuitive themes and constructs can

be revealed and explored.

The art that Whaley creates is inextricably tied to his own inner world, the essence of who he is. "Every aspect of my art is influenced by my history and past experiences and present life: the good, the challenging, the cathartic. Painting has, in many ways, saved my life, as it has provided an invaluable avenue of

expression and release — a way for me to communicate my joy and curiosity about life and the human condition." To encounter a Whaley painting is to glimpse a reflection of oneself, of the vast and mystical inner world in which all of our lives are deeply rooted.

Davyd Whaley currently lives and works in West Hollywood, California, where he is a resident artist at the Santa Fe Art Colony.



*Tiamat Oil on Wood 24" x 26"*



*Davyd in his Studio*

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