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Because I Wanted To

38 x 38 inches

Mixed media

\$3,550



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Bio

Kinya started her art career in 1998, working for a yearbook publishing company in Kansas City, Missouri. Over the course of twenty-four years, Christian has experience in graphic design, art direction, and fine art as a director, guiding creative and production for magazines, television, stage design, and branding campaigns. Her award-winning branding work and fine art has been seen all over the country, from Broadway Publishing and HGTV, to public installations and private collections. Christian opened Into+View Art Gallery and Studios, located downtown Rogers, Arkansas. She is a Mid America Arts Alliance Artist360 grant recipient, and a 2022 Dr. Margaret Sirman Clark Leading With Excellence honoree. Kinya is also the Arts and Culture Coordinator for the City of Rogers.

Artist Statement

I am an interdisciplinary and multimedia artist, mother and wife. My body of work features larger format substrates, bright colors, bold strokes, metallics, and gold leaf, with subject matter ranging from historical portraiture, and the state of civil rights, to Florida sunsets and still life. I often work very quickly, obsessively until I empty my thoughts in color. I wish for my artistic works to educate, enlighten and engage. I find that expressing myself via art to be like water—absolutely vital for a healthy body and mind. It keeps me balanced as I navigate a world that has long ignored my struggle, my worth, my voice as a Black woman.