

Michelle Bazis

Artist Bio

Michelle Bāzis is a writer, photographer, and artist based in Northwest Arkansas. She studied journalism and fine art at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, and currently serves as the managing editor of Bentonville and Rogers City Lifestyle Magazines.

While Michelle's photography style leans romantic and journalistic, her paintings are bold, whimsical, and sentimental—often featuring iconic characters and nostalgic symbols. Her work has been featured at the Unbroken Gala at Crystal Bridges and is currently on display at various NWA businesses, including RIA Pizzeria in Rogers, and Campfire Ranch, Bike Inn, and Moonfolk in Bentonville. A member of the Artisan Alliance and Kaleidoscope Collective. She has participated in Wishing Spring Gallery's Arts Festivals and Paint the Square in Bentonville, and will join 80+ regional artists for the Crystal Bridges Art Fair this fall.

When she isn't working on creative projects, Michelle loves to travel and enjoy the outdoors with her husband, Ben. You'll likely find her exploring the trails and lakes in Northwest Arkansas, browsing a weekend market, or catching live music with friends.

Artist Statement

I've never really subscribed to the idea that we are meant to be one thing. After years of poking at opposing ideas, I discovered a space within my art where comforts and whimsies can coexist like dance partners. Honoring my inner child, Southern heritage, and Northwest Arkansas home, each painting is an homage to unstained dreams, lasting life lessons, and the beauty of our surroundings. You'll find a through line in bold colors, geometric shapes, and characters/icons.

Ultimately, my goal is to create inquisitive art that feels familiar, peaceful, and joyful. Nearly seven years after my initial foray into painting, I'm proud to have created a body of work that looks like my heart and heritage on canvas. I hope whenever someone experiences one of my paintings, it feels like an old sentimental song you forgot you knew the words to.



Winter Cowboy, 24 x 36 inches, Acrylic on panel, \$1,800.