

## **Artist Statement 2021**

Given the fact that my life was upended by trauma at an early age, the phrase “art saves lives” is literally true for me. Working as an artist has always been my salvation and my solace.

My task has been to create order in a disordered and disoriented life. I did this first for many years in theater as a playwright, performer, and director, and for almost as long a time now as a visual artist.

My work continues to be about finding connections: to the muddled and mysterious past, to the dynamics of the present moment, and to the hope that lives in the future. Storytelling, whether it be through line and color or actual words, embodies that desire: to connect to myself so that I may also connect to others. This always happens by turning towards the light that lives in all of us. For me, that means practicing the art of manipulating color and form to tell stories that are full of emotional content, but which lie just beyond the reach of words.