

ALBA SOMOZA

Pure Visionary Artist



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Vision Statement

One of the ways I get people to see beyond my disability is as an artist and painter. When I am painting, I can express myself and not feel limited by my body. Through my painting, I feel like I connect directly with others on a deeper level that doesn't leave room for judgments based on disability.

I first got interested in painting in ninth grade. My art teacher was not intimidated by my disability and was the first person to really encourage me. She also saw my potential as an artist. She started my love for painting, and I have loved it ever since.

I can envision a day in the future when, after painting in my art studio, I drive myself over to my art class, turn on my communication device and get it ready for class. I'm really going to need it - because, this time, I'm the teacher.

- Alba Somoza, Artist



Untitled (detail)

2009

Acrylic on canvas

24" x 36"

“Alba Somoza’s workspace hums with her joy, laughter and immense creative energy. As she fulfills her wish to freely experiment and grow, we are seeing the fresh, compelling expressions of an emerging painter who is just coming into her own. Her spirited, visionary art is quiet and powerful, subtle and monumental. It is a pure expression of the courage, tenacity and beauty that is Alba.”

- Dr. Pamala Rogers, Director
Pure Vision Arts studio
The Shield Institute



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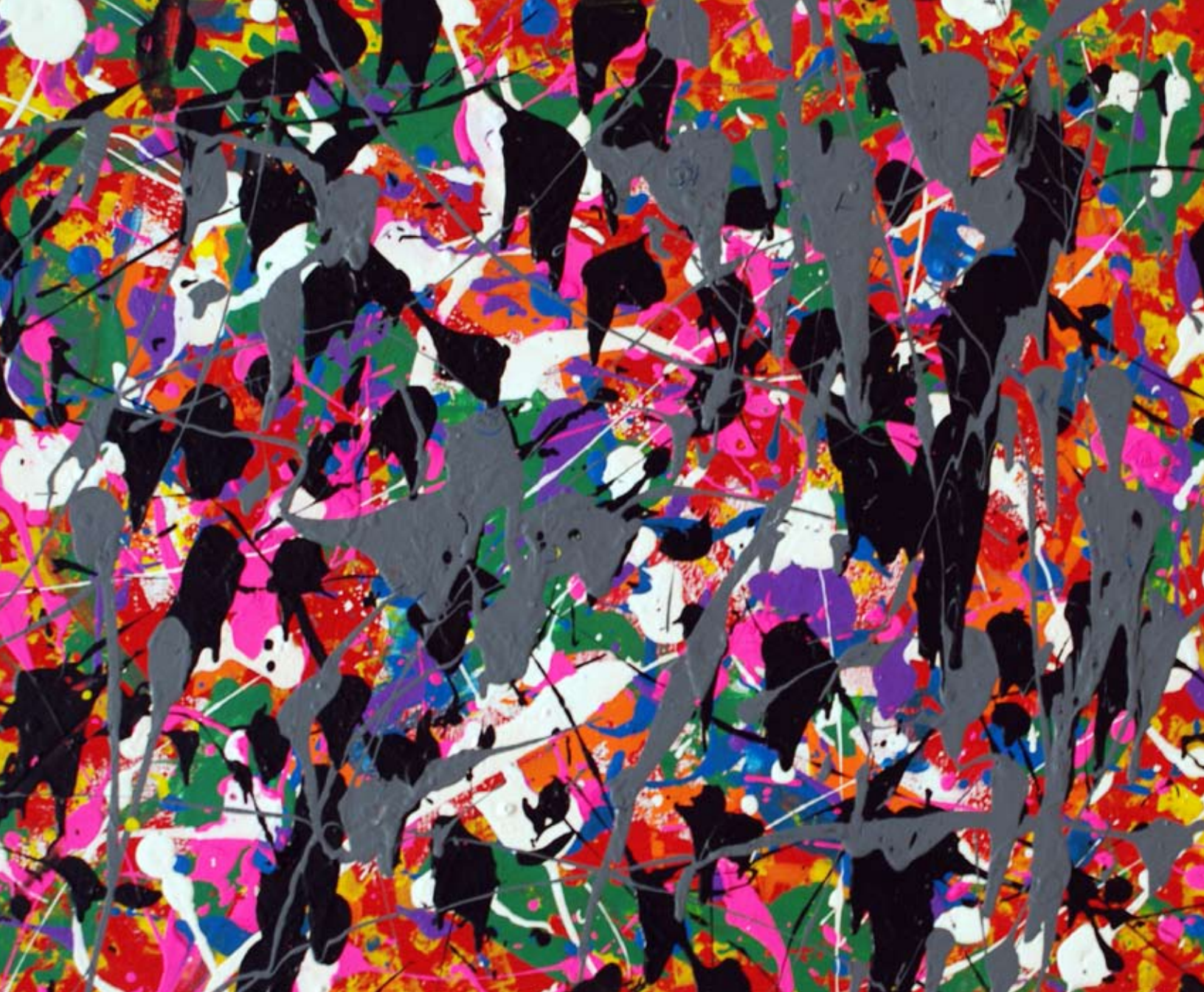
2007

Acrylic on canvas

18" x 24"



Untitled, 2008, Acrylic on canvas, 24" x 36"



Untitled

2008

Acrylic on canvas

16" x 20"



Untitled, 2008, Acrylic on canvas, 16" x 20"

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Pure Vision Arts (PVA) is New York's only full-time professional art studio and exhibition space for artists with neuro-developmental disabilities. Through career development, sales representation, exhibitions, publications, and symposia, PVA provides vital cultural and economic opportunities for men and women who are under-represented in the arts. Founded by The Shield Institute, PVA is an important international resource for artists, scholars, educators and advocates who are working to integrate neuro-diverse individuals within society.



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