

A true artist is one whose unique vision, creativity and ability will kick-start your imagination, take you places your mind has never been, and make you see the true magic in the canvas. Amer Sal Mohammed is just that, born in Saudi Arabia, raised by his parents in a strict old natured household. A natural left handed boy by birth, culturally being left handed was shunned upon. His Aunt & Uncle whom he spent a lot of time with were quite strict about Amer using only his right hand to do daily tasks such as writing and drawing. He received countless lashes through his childhood, until he learnt to only use his right hand as his dominant hand for all aspects of his daily life.

Amer's aunt was a local artist who would teach him the true fundamentals on how to draw and paint as she babysat him, she was the first to open his eyes to the endless combinations of colours, shapes and textures he could create if he only dedicated himself.

When Amer turned twelve, his immediate family decided to move to Toronto, Canada where Amer would then start his life abroad. Art became an obsession, and the young boy excelled in all aspects, painting on anything he could find from papers to floors to walls.

For years he pursued his passion in the form of graphic design and found much success working with a wide-ranging clientele. But he never stopped honing his skills on the canvas and keeping an eye out for current trends before finally bursting onto the scene.

When Amer first decided to turn art into a professional career, he was constantly criticized and ridiculed by friends and family. Told to focus on more tangible and lucrative ventures, told art can be a starving and difficult lifestyle to adapt to. He referenced and constantly reminded himself of a famous quote his aunt once told him that he never let himself forget:

"If you hear a voice within you saying, 'You are not a painter,' then by all means paint, boy, and that voice will be silenced." ~ Vincent van Gogh [1]

Now you can find Amer constantly doing live paintings in several venues including Yorkville, Canada's most exclusive shopping and art districts, he's doing things most artist's have yet to tackle—like incorporating diamonds into his artwork, a new project which involves the strategic placement of real gem quality diamonds into intricate paintings that will truly dazzle the soul.

"With regards to diamonds, the symbolism and history behind the stone is just as powerful as the stone itself. The age, shape, size and surfaces assume a critical role in portraying an incredible message that addresses each stone individually. Art has the same effect. Just like

diamonds, artwork can be extremely powerful and symbolic. Every colour, shade, and small detail contribute to the overall theme that each piece is trying to portray." Amer explained.

Currently, requests are only available for purchase online at <http://www.artbyamersm.com/> . Amer has already experienced incredible success, generating demand and popularity across the country.

Check out his instagram for his latest work: <https://www.instagram.com/amer.sm>

[1] Source: <https://www.healing-power-of-art.org/art-and-quotes-by-famous-artists/>