

Hessam Abrishami

Persian by birth, it was not until he was 15 years of age that Hessam through the inspiration and encouragement of a high school teacher who was himself an artist, discovered both his love of art and his own talent for painting- resulting in a virtual obsession with art and painting.

At age 17, Hessam received his first award for painting- the top award in a student competition. The next year he won top honors in painting in an all country competition. And, at age 19, he achieved first place honors in the “New Artists Competition” in his own country. Many other national and international honors and recognitions followed thereafter.

Considering the country of Italy “the center of art in Europe,” Hessam decided to settle in Perugia, Italy where he studied and completed his Master’s Degree in Fine Arts at the Accademia Di Belle Arti, Pietro Vanucci. Although he pursued his first love in the area of portraiture, concentrating on realistic painting including special studies in anatomy, he also developed his talent further by studying widely in other styles including impressionism, surrealism, cubism and modern art.

Hessam notes that he was influenced mostly in Italy by the artistic atmosphere in general, but more specifically because “colors were bright and the atmosphere was quiet and relaxed.” During a 5 year return to his native country, Hessam’s work changed over time to show less realism and more movement. After another brief stay of about 8 months in Italy, Hessam immigrated to Los Angeles, California where he has remained since.

Hessam continues to paint in his chosen medium of acrylic (on both paper and canvas). Exploring a realm which the French press has called “A statement in the fluidity of human figures,” he creates a tension between each figure, a kinship of place or condition that provokes the viewer to seek reasons for such relationships.

Hessam is an internationally acclaimed artist whose paintings and fine art prints are regularly represented in shows in New York, L.A., Las Vegas, Atlanta and other major cities in the U.S. as well as in Canada, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, England, South Africa, Australia and all of Europe.