



## **Amy Schlenker**

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### ARTIST STATEMENT

My paintings express the joy of exploration and discovery - the joy of life with all its colors, shapes and textures; the joy of working with beautiful paints, brushes and collage, and watching in awe as paintings emerge and parts of me appear that I didn't know existed. My style reflects exuberant energy and a zest for life. The result is lively, bright and fun-loving non-objective and objective abstract art. In my paintings are trips to be taken, places to dive in, places to skate and places to swim. When I begin a painting images spontaneously appear and tumble and twirl in my mind. With a stroke of a brush or charcoal I release them. Days later, with many layers of paint applied, scraped and rearranged, and a few doses of cerebral thinking, a composition reveals itself. Inspiration varies - perhaps it's the shimmering lines of a shadow in late afternoon, a funky spotted green vase atop a richly patterned African cloth, a child playing with a toy train full of potatoes, or maybe memories of zooming past a mystical castle on the Autobahn. It's life, as I know and feel it, which shows in my paintings. When people see my work I hope they connect with a playful, spirited place, where dreams are possible.