



## Chris Taylor Artist Statement

With a love for color and a dedication to exploration, my works of art emphasize the collaboration between form and the formless. Like a child birthed by Picasso and Jackson Pollock, my style fuses the abstract with the representational, the purposeful with the meaningless. My creative works showcase my unique style and my permanent quest for self discovery.

As a child I found entertainment exploring the outside world— climbing trees, investigating spiderwebs, and discovering communities of flourishing life by flipping over a stone. This principle of exploration is a central pillar to my identity and artistic style. I am a person who absolutely loves to discover the vast amount of life that lies just outside of view. This love for discovery drives me forward with a commitment to create, interpret, and re-create my works of art.

Whether I am working with clay or paint, my process is the same regardless of the medium. I start with a general form or color scheme and expand my creation with every additional layer. I will often work with forms or faces that I see in my own abstract creations. I explore rhythms and relationships between colors and shapes in a process of addition and subtraction that is both procedural and handcrafted. While my artworks are typically made without a meaning in mind, they often reflect the relationships between the inner emotional world and the outer physical world. My interest is in existence and how it is that we navigate our experiences.

I create art in order to better understand myself. I create art to share with others. I love to hear people's perceptions of my artworks because it brings us together on a shared journey of what it means to be alive.

For me, exploration and self discovery are integral parts of being human. My emotional experience can be lonely and disconnected one minute, and joyful and at peace the next. Through my art I seek to express the duality, colorfulness, and truly incredible nature existence. My artwork generates a sense of love and appreciation for life and inspires me to have an explorer's spirit in living it.