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**1-ART FESTIVALS**

2019 Strathmore ,MD

2019 Chevy Chase Art Festival, DC

2019 Trump Hotel, DC

2019 Rockville Art Festival, MD

2019 Harrisburg Artsfest. PA

2019 Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Festival, PA

2019 Shadyside Art Festival, PA

2019 Alexandria Art Festival, VA

2019 Bethesda Row Art Festival, MD

2019 Miami Art Basel-Spectrum, FL

2018 New York Art Expo, NYC

2019 Shadyside Art Festival, Pittsburg PA

2018 Gallery-B, MD

2018 Rittenhouse Art Festival, PA

2018 Asheville Fine Art Show, NC

2017 Sarasota Art Festival FL

2017 St. Stephen's Art Show, Coconut Grove, Florida

2017 Gallery-B Bethesda MD

2017 Colley Gallery , VA

2017 Bethesda Fine Art Festival, MD

2017 Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Festival, PA

2017 Shadyside Art Festival, Pittsburg PA

2017 Leesburg Art Festival VA

2017 Miami Art Basel-Spectrum FL

2-ART FAIRS

2019 Miami Art Basel-Spectrum, FL
2018 New York Art Expo, New York City
2017 Art Basel Miami, FL
2016 Spectrum Miami, FL
2016 Hamptons Art Fair, New York
2016 Art Shopping – Le Carrousel du Louvre Paris
2016 New York Art-Expo, New York City
2015-Present: MUSEE DES BEAUX-ARTS DE L'ONTARIO-AGO
2015 Spectrum Miami, FL.
2015 New York Art Expo, New York City
2014- Art San Diego
2013 New York Art Expo, New York City
2013 Toronto Art Expo, Toronto
2013: World of Art Showcase, Raleigh, NC
2012 New York Art Expo, New York City
2012 World of Art Showcase, Las Vegas
2011-New York Art Expo, NYC
2011-Art Fair Beijing, China
2011-Gallery-M, Vienna, Austria

3-AWARDS

2020 FY2020 CAH-NEA Grand Award-Washington DC
2018-FY 2018-CAH Grand Award-Washington DC-Art Bank Collection
2017-Global Art Award/Finalist Dubai
2017-FY 2017-CAH Grand Award-Washington DC-Art Bank Collection
2016-Best of America-NOAPS - National Oil and Acrylic Painters' Society
2014-Light Space & Time ,“ City Scape Art Competitions-1st Place”.
2012-Mount Gretna Outdoor Art Show. Judges' Choice Award. Mt. Gretna, PA
2012-Light Space &Time “ The All Women Exhibition”
2012-Light Space &Time “ Seasons Art Competition, 1st Place
2012-Leading Artists Gallery, “Color, Light Drama” 2nd place, MD
2010 – “Artist Wanted, “The Power of Self Image Competition” New York, NY
2009- Yellow Barn Studio and Gallery, Recipient in the “Rules Exhibition”, MD

3-PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Gallery Director

2013-Present: Founder of Gallery NK

Artist in Residence

2016-International Art Festival, Kusadasi/Turkey

2016-International Babylon Art Symposium, Izmir/Turkey

2015-International Artist Residence, Alacati/Izmir

2011-Artist In Residence, Glen Echo Yellow Barn Stone Tower Gallery, MD

Workshop-Painting Instructor

DEKO Art Studio:	Painting Instructor	Reynosa, Mexico
Burnaby Arts Council:	Painting Instructor	Vancouver, Canada
Deer Lake Gallery:	Painting Instructor	Vancouver, Canada

4-EDUCATION

1988-Master of Science, Nuclear Engineering, METU, Turkey

1984- Bachelor of Arts, Physics, METU, Turkey

2000-Certification in Reliability Engineering, UMC, MD

5-ABOUT NIHAL

Born and raised in Turkey, Nihal started drawing and painting at a young age. Despite her demonstrated talent in art, she studied physics and nuclear engineering and worked in the software analysis in the U.S. and Canada more than 10 years. The self-trained artist began traveling to art shows and exhibits. She characterizes her work as “the gap between representation and obstruction.” Her work consists mainly oils and acrylics. Nihal’s paintings have transformed alongside her as she has moved through different stages of her life and grown spiritually.

“My works explore the perception of light as revealed through nuance of colors, creating a space between the natural and abstract. Working with the glazing technique my paintings are developed through numerous translucent layers of pigment suspended in thin acrylic layers which, creates an environment of diffused light that remains minimal and abstract”.

In late 2013, Nihal found an old warehouse in the alley off K Street Northeast Washington DC and turned it into a chic and modern gallery that doubles as her residence.

