## **HESSAM**ABRISHAMI

Hessam Abrishami was born in 1951 in the ancient center of the Persian Empire in the town of Shiraz, Iran. From his earliest years, he would work diligently to gain the freedom and education necessary to bring love to a troubled world and make his life's vision come true.



In 1975, seeking a formal education in art – and a society free from the limitations of modern-day Iran – Hessam left his home country to expand his knowledge of the outside world. He began his higher education in Pietro Vanucci, at the Accademia di Belle Arti, where he was classically trained in art and studied feverishly, honing his skills and ultimately attaining a Master of Fine Arts.

After receiving his art degree, Hessam achieved immediate success in early one-man and group shows in Italy. The next great defining moment in his career came in the form of acceptance to a group show at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Tehran. In 1984, Hessam made the seminal decision to emigrate. Recognizing that the center of the art world had shifted to the United States, he moved to Los Angeles, California.

Today Hessam Abrishami is widely known as one of the world's greatest living artists, a feat achieved through his hard work and extreme dedication – and love – for his craft. His art has become much more than a grand collection of paintings, drawings and sculptures. It has become a legacy. The inspiration, passion and beauty of his art are just a few reasons why his work is so widely collected.

In his 45+ years career, Hessam Abrishami, known simply as Hessam, has exhibited in hundreds of one-man gallery shows, more than 50 group exhibitions, over 30 international exhibitions, and multiple museum exhibitions. His artwork can even be found on the covers of multiple ivy league sociology and psychology textbooks. In 2007, he was given the "Key to the City" of Ormond Beach, Florida, where his work is currently displayed in the Museum of Arts and Sciences, and March 24th, 2007, was officially named "Hessam Abrishami Day." To commemorate his achievements as a fine arts painter, Hessam is also the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate from American Liberty University in association with California Polytechnic University.

Coming from his intense passion for his craft and his world, Hessam's art is a captivating blend of ineffable styles that can be described as both Post Modernist and Abstract Expressionist.

With Hessam's unrelenting devotion to creation, innovation and to the preservation of his artistic vision along with an ever-increasing appreciation for his work globally, it is assured that Hessam will leave a legacy to be admired for many generations to come."