

## Monterey Museum of Art Musings

Kim Campbell's *Waterfall* sculpture stands ten feet in height and features three suspended brass panels that flow to the floor with impossible grace. "There's a strength and luminosity to metal that I love," Kim says. "In this piece it almost looks like silk, or shaped by water."

*Waterfall* will be on exhibit starting January 5.

Artist Kim Campbell is herself a study in contradictions: strong-willed but warmly tempered by a lifetime of challenges and experiences that have taken her from Indiana to San Francisco, then Italy, and later to Greece where she lived on a boat, sailing from Corfu to Turkey and Cyprus.

Her true voice as an artist took shape in Monterey, where she landed in 2000 as a single mom. It was here that Kim found a small, supportive community and began painting large, abstract interpretations, inspired by the area's natural beauty and open spaces.

"Creating art is how I make sense of things," Kim says. Sublimely blended colors and patinas are a signature part of her vision. It's a skill she developed at the Gale Laurence School of Decorative Arts in San Francisco, as well as during her years running a successful faux finishing business in Silicon Valley.

Her compositions include all things organic—the cycles of the earth, dreams, the elements—and are influenced by the works of the Abstract Expressionists as well as Mark Rothko and Gerhard Richter.

Kim's greatest source of inspiration however, has been her own inner journey as a woman and artist. "If we allow the process of forging and healing," she says, "we can emerge with the true power of our voice."

Created in 2016, *Waterfall* is symbolic of that journey. "My art-making process has been transformative, assisting me in finding and communicating my own authentic voice. This is what I hope for all women who seek change."

Kim exhibits in galleries throughout California and has a following of collectors with paintings in private and corporate collections throughout the United States.

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