

Caroline Karp

Sunflowers for Solidarity Tour Press Kit



ABOUT CAROLINE KARP



Being a performance artist has led Caroline to travel, paint, and establish

studios in DC, Kauai, and her home base of Tampa Bay. Her artwork takes on the flavor of the areas she paints, reaching collectors in tune with the energy of expression that she puts out.

As an observer of the land, sea, weather, and buildings, she embodies the essence of the experience into her art.

Caroline creates a sacred space when she has an audience, whether painting, hosting a podcast, or a retreat. People are invited to share their hearts and souls, be authentic, feel connected and allow creativity to flow. As a Plein Air painter, she captures places and moments using an expressionistic perspective. She likes to pull away from the "realness" intuitively, focusing on suggestions of objects and how they interact with nature, light, and even sound. She is mindful of how the light hits something at different parts of the day.

In some ways, her life has been about four things. Art, spirituality, nature, and the well-being of humankind. For Caroline making a painting is like falling in love. Her work tends to be bold, and a lot of passion and emotion comes along with the process. It is the journey into uncertainty, an awakening of the heart.

Caroline feels honored that her paintings have been commissioned by people worldwide, including celebrities like supermodel Kate Upton and MLB player Justin Verlander. She takes pride in her paintings hanging on walls around the globe.

Caroline hosts a weekly podcast called, Behind the Art Inspiration. It's a conversational-style podcast where she shows a sneak peek into the studio practices of all types of international artists.



MIGHTY SUNFLOWERS

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Over the course of 25 years, I've painted hundreds of sunflower paintings, some of which hang in people's homes around the world and some that I've just painted because of the way they make me feel and the joy they bring. I sell a crop of them and then feel compelled to paint a brand-new crop.

There's just something playful and joyful about them. They have movement and can look so unique from each other. As I paint them, they take on human-like qualities in their features.

Almost always the flowers are golden yellow with fun pop-ups of contrasting reds and purples with a blue background.

I'm now learning about my lineage in ways that I didn't know before because the war in Ukraine ignited a curiosity to talk to my dad more deeply about where his parents and grandparents are from.

It's interesting how over the years I've been giving my sunflowers names that match up with the current events in the world. Names such as *"Dance of the Sunflower Warriors"*, *"Resilient Sunflower"*, *"King of the Sunflower Warriors"*, *"Uplifting Sunflower"*, *"Sunflower Warrior Girl"*. The names floated into my mind's eye and became the painting.

ARTIST IN HER COMMUNITY

"I believe this is an exhibition worth presenting in an in-person gallery setting to give the public an opportunity to engage with the works included in this collection and experience a glimpse of the positive vision the artist Caroline Karp has sharing with the world" I recommend Sails, Souls and Sparkles for exhibition opportunities.

Sergio Gomez

Sergio P. Gomez, M.F.A.
Co-founder Art NXT Level
Curator/Director of Exhibitions, Zhou B Art Center

"Caroline has a love for life, art and nature. I believe this shows in each of her paintings and how she paints with such passion. It has been a privilege to work with Caroline and I have truly enjoyed displaying her beautiful paintings in our City Galleries."

Christine McWilliams

Museum & Cultural Center

"In all things, I found Caroline much like her paintings. Rather than coming about, Caroline opened her soul to me, and especially to my explorations into and interpretations of the work. A committed and aspiring yogi, Caroline brings that same devotion to her artmaking practice. She is disciplined and curious, ever willing to challenge and chart new ways of seeing and portraying. She is fearless in this. That fearlessness, the courage to test, experiment, be guided by, and to trust her intuition is to her greatest strength. It is without hesitation that I recommend Caroline Karp and her series, Sails, Souls and Sparkle to you."

Dr. Jennifer Paziienza
Jennifer Paziienza Art Studio

Field of Gold

IN THE PRESS

Featured in [The Georgetowner](#): Inaugural Art All Night Fills the Avenue



Live Event Painting -
Georgetown Lutheran Church
Art All Night Georgetown, DC

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IN THE PRESS

Interviewed in [Voyage Tampa](#) Rising Stars: Meet Caroline Karp



View from the Coastal Home

IN THE PRESS

Featured in [Art NXT Level Journal](#): Artists in Their Studios: In the Now with Caroline Karp

A Sign of Hope



IN THE PRESS

Interviewed for an article in [Her Story](#): Art Inspired by Life

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A Sign of Hope

IN THE PRESS

Published in [Arts Row](#): Teacher and Inspirational Painter: The Pathway to Artist



Bo Obama at the Chez Billy Sud

SUNFLOWER SIX

Click image to follow along with me as I create the **SUNFLOWER SIX**



ARTIST'S STATEMENT

For as long as I can remember I have loved painting, travel, nature and reflection. My wellspring of passion helps me to create beautiful artwork and art experiences. Just as the poet captures beauty in his writing, I capture it in my artwork.

Much of my work begins while traveling to beautiful vistas. I then add finishing touches in my studio. There is an imaginative and magical element to my work. It has been called hauntingly beautiful. I enjoy studying ideas and learning about different topics through creating series paintings. I believe that when I paint and when I paint with others, there is healing and transformation that happens. This transformation is one toward empowerment.

Uplifting Sunflower





WINDBLOWN SUNFLOWER

An expressionist painting of a golden sunflower with a red, green and brown center, blowing in the wind.

A storm, the previous day, had broken a spell of humid days. It was much cooler and quite windy. I imagined the energy of what it feels like to have petals as hair waving in the wind. Then I set my paintbrush free on the canvas and created *Windblown Sunflower 2*.
24x24 Acrylic

SUNFLOWER FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE WIND

Beaming sunflowers sway in the wind as they catch the eyes of people passing by.

Behind them lies a beautiful valley, with a coursing stream and birds floating through the breeze above.

The entire time the sunflower in the front follows the sun, while those behind it follow it.

The sun and wind give life to nature within the landscape; as Kahlil Gibran writes: "The breath of life is in the sunlight and the hand of life is in the wind."

30 x 40 Acrylic



LIVE EVENT PAINTER



The Dog Tag Bakery
Photo Credit: Theresa Elliot

GEORGETOWN ART WALK



SUNFLOWERS FOR SOLIDARITY TOUR – BENEFING WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UKRAINE



UKRAINE EMBASSY – MEET THE EMBASSADOR

I'm grateful to have been invited to be a part of the Ukrainian Embassy event (Europe Day in the Ukraine House) with Ambassador Oksana Markarova. It's become my passion project to raise money for the World Central Kitchen, benefiting the women and children of Ukraine.



PAINTING THE UKRAINE EMBASSY BUILDING

Painting the Ukrainian Embassy building – If you've been in Georgetown and happened to venture onto the famous M Street, you will have MANY amazing shopping opportunities. AND right before the Key Bridge on the left-hand side... You will see a pinkish building with sunflowers, stuffed animals and messages. All reminding us of the war in Ukraine. The lives lost and the lives that have shifted.



SUNFLOWERS FOR SOLIDARITY TOUR

Sunflower of Beauty (24×24) is part of the Sunflowers for Solidarity Collection created at the Georgetown Art Walk in DC.

“It has become my passion project to raise money for the women and children of Ukraine. I’ll be painting sunflowers all up the East Coast, selling them and donating a portion of the proceeds to World Central Kitchen. Painting sunflowers and surrounding myself with them has always made me feel safe and happy like I’m wrapped in a cozy blanket of joy. To me, sunflowers signify beauty, strength and freedom. That’s what I want for the people of Ukraine right now. I see the women fighting there as beautiful sunflowers and their children as brave sunflowers.” – Caroline

Sunflower of STRENGTH



Sunflower of BEAUTY



Sunflower of FREEDOM



Sunflower of BLISS



Sunflower of the BRAVE



Sunflower for PERSERVERANCE

CAROLINE KARP: CURRICULUM VITAE

For the most up to date curriculum vitae, click on this link [Caroline Karp CV](#)

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Dance of the Sunflower Warrior



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Triumphant Sunflower

