

Marisa V. Rincón

"To paint what we see before us is a different art from painting what we see within."
- Carl Jung

A Statement By Dee Rincón, Marisa's Mother September 2017

Often, people remarked about Marisa's beautiful face and hair. "Oh, those green eyes and smile would melt anyone's heart! However, Marisa preferred being recognized for her intelligence and artistic talent. Few people knew that she was well read and that she was an articulate, intelligent writer. She chose a liberal path. She believed in equality for women's rights both personally and professionally. Marisa was a feminine, soft-spoken, kind and gentle soul who touched the hearts of many. Although private and reserved, people enjoyed her sense of humor. Marisa liked to read in solitude and play her ukulele. Pop Rock music, her pet hamster and cat, and nature brought her joy.

Marisa Victoria Rincón struggled with anxiety and depression. On February 21, 2017, died by suicide in Randolph, NJ. Marisa's life was as rich and colorful as her accomplished artwork. She was passionate about the art world and its creativity. Marisa's legacy: "We are born with innate talents, and those gifts MUST be expressed and shared in order to be happy."

It is the hope of the Rincón family that this art exhibit helps those struggling with mental health to seek help from your physician, the County College of Morris, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. We believe that is Marisa's voice, too.

By: The Rincón Family

Marisa's Artist Statement

Life experiences shape who we are, how we see the world and how we see ourselves as well as other people. Like a continuously flowing river, the human psyche of an individual is forever changing and growing (if one openly allows it). My art depicts the ebb and flow of emotions and reactions from life experiences and the self-reflection that follows.

Marisa's Biography

Marisa V. Rincón lived most of her life in suburban New Jersey. Art has always been a prominent part of her life since early childhood. Initially a psychology major, she decided to focus on art after her first year of college. She graduated from the County College of Morris in 2007 with honors and from Montclair State University's College of

the Arts in 2008 with a B.A. in Fine Arts: Studio Art with highest honors. Throughout Rincón's years as a young freelancing art student, she often used psychological themes and symbolism due to her continuous fascination of the fusion of art and psychology. Even as a growing artist, psychological themes are still very important in her work. Rincón draws artistic inspiration from "gonzo photography" in addition to the art of Nan Goldin, Douglas Kolk, Jackson Pollock, and Frida Kahlo.

Marisa Rincón's Accomplishments.

2010- 2017 - Owned and operated LucidInTheSky at Etsy, a successful online vintage clothing business in which she was a professional model/photographer
Rincón designed and sold tie-dye clothing, purses; hats, jewelry, Pop Rock art, and Depression glassware.

2010 – 2016 - Rincón was a professional model who referred herself as a muse modeled for nine college and universities fine art departments and eleven art associations throughout New Jersey.

2004-2017 - Rincón has had five art exhibits throughout New Jersey.
In 2003 Rincón was commissioned to paint 5 murals for Pediatrics on Broadway in Denville, NJ consisting of the four seasons of the year and Dr. Seuss characters that still remain today.

2003 - Rincón painted a 3 x 6 Ft. arched landscape for Randolph High School with Shakespeare's Sonnet #18 surrounding the blue sky and green-leafed tree with a flying butterfly.

While in college, Marisa was fascinated with celebrities and rock stars, and she painted numerous portraits of them and herself. She liked working with colored pencils, pastel and acrylics. Her portraits were true-to-life, depicting a strong resemblance of the subject.

Marisa's "*Mother's Day Rose*," "*Majestic Summer*," and "*City Lights*" are mixed media works that are all rich in color and style that draw the viewer's eye. Uniquely done, these works feature Marisa's body castings of her hands and head.

Always involved with art, Marisa also modeled for nine college and universities' fine art departments along with eleven art associations throughout the New York metropolitan area. These include County College of Morris, Randolph, NJ; William Paterson University; Caldwell College, Ramapo College, NJ; Riker Hill Art Park, Livingston, NJ; Visual Art Center of NJ, Summit, NJ; Montclair Art Museum: Yard School of Art, Montclair, NJ; Morris County Art Association, Morristown, NJ, just to name a few. She modeled for well-known artists Tim Maher, John B. Wolff, Lorraine deSmet, Marida Laurie Harden, Dennis Kraft, Julian Tejera, John Powell, Theresa Kubert, and Ed Sprafkin.

From 2008-2017, Marisa owned and operated a successful on-line vintage clothing business called LucidInTheSky at Etsy. She created and sold tie-dye t-shirts, skirts, purses. She modeled her vintage clothing line and took her own pictures for her web site. Marisa sold her apparel internationally and was a thrilled when she saw Lady Gaga on Facebook wearing her “The Sound of Music” blue t-shirt that she had sent her.