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presents: **Alison Silva**

Alison's fascination with legends, folklore and the fantastical has been a source of endless creativity since childhood. Upon her first reading of the Lewis Carroll classic novel, "Alice Through the Looking Glass", she felt a kinship with the inquisitive and light-hearted character "Alice" on her curious adventures in wonderland. Alison's work embodies mysterious and mystical worlds which teem with colorful characters & creatures . These creations often take on human qualities and explore their environment, sense of place and multifaceted identities.

In recent years Alison's paintings have evolved from whimsical fancy to darker worlds of mystery, an effect of blinding visions suffered as result of a Cavernous Malformation Hemorrhage in the left temporal lobe of her brain in 2006.

Alison has begun a journey to process her condition through her art and hopes that by sharing her insights into the relationship between brain disease & creativity, she can contribute to a deeper understanding of this common but widely misunderstood condition.

SILVA's work is also found in many collections and her story – and work – has been broadcasted on: ABC/Susan Donaldson James, CBS Early News, CBS Evening News with Katie Couric, NBC and FOX NEWS

Exhibitions:

Corcoran Gallery, Appleton Museum, Galerie Belage, Ward Nasse Gallery, Outsider Art Fair, Fuse Gallery "Draw Show", Olof Gallery in Amsterdam, Artsites Gallery, GAGA Arts center, Museo de la Ciudad de Mexico

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