

Tony, oil on canvas

Olga Burenkova is a classically trained oil painter living and working in New York City. In her spare time, Olga volunteers as a studio monitor in the Educational Alliance Art School's mixed media studio. Olga's artwork is often based around themes of identity, prosperity and celebration. Using her striking skills as a portrait artist, Olga balances naturalistic representations of her subject with a vibrant, almost surreal, color pallet; evoking a sense of wonder and otherworldliness to her compositions.

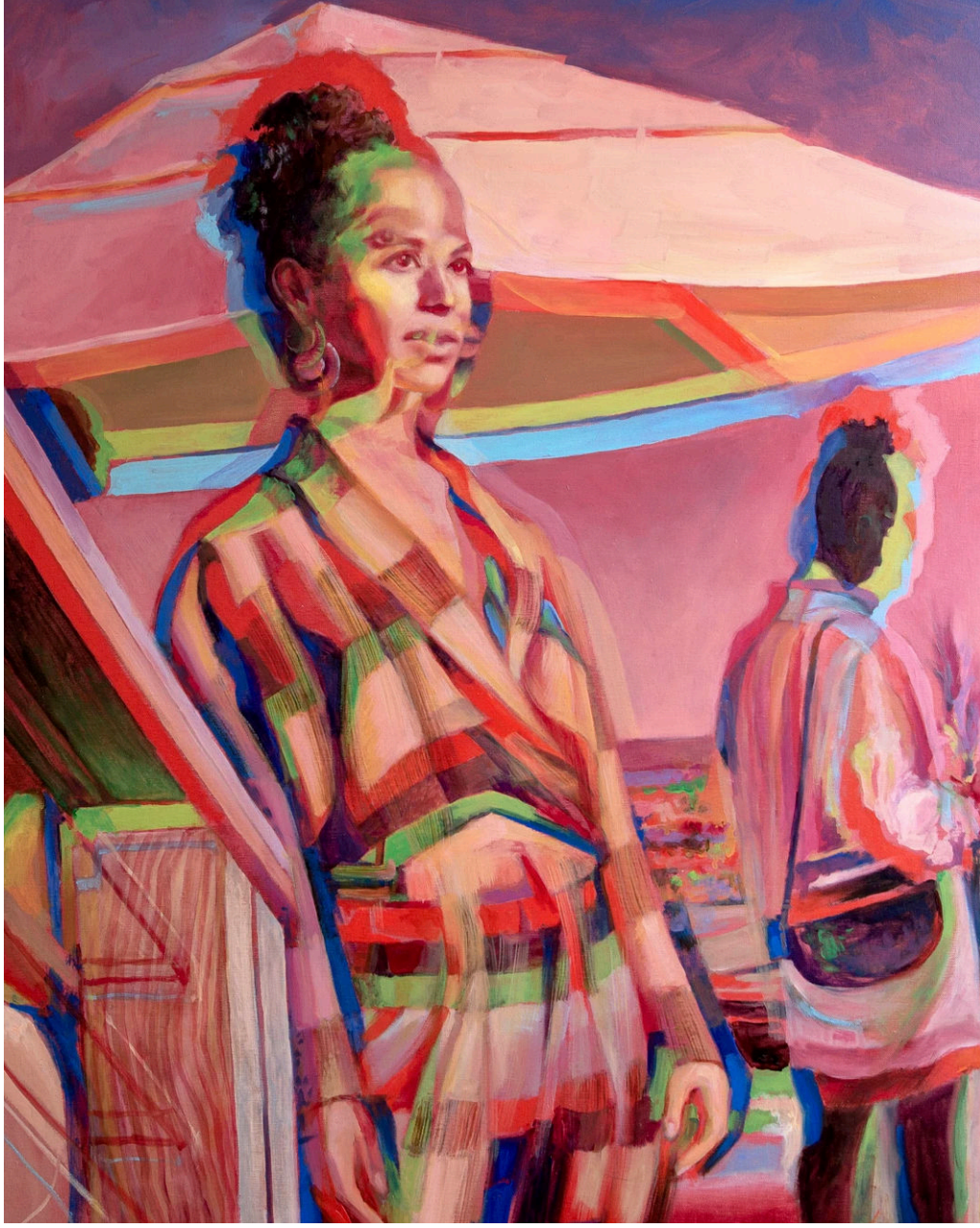
Here is some more about Olga's work in her own words:

*I am a Russian artist recently graduated from New York Academy of Art.*

*I recognize and glorify beauty that exists in all forms. People inspire me the most. I appreciate and celebrate differences in others, because everyone is unique. When I'm deeply impressed by someone, no race, age, ethnicity, religion, status and gender matters to me. I dedicate my art to powerful positive images. Maintaining joy in expressing my vision is my state of mind in work. When I paint, I devote all of myself to the subject and feel an intimate connection with a model, who I fall in love with. In creating my artwork, I use traditional medium, like oil and canvas, and at the same time a contemporary approach for portrait genre. In bringing uniqueness into my portraiture, I use double vision effect as an allegory of searching for identity, as well as vivid colors as a symbol of prosperity and celebration of life.*

*Being an artist is a huge responsibility. Every created image, the way it's done, is a message to the world. By painting with passion and inspiration, using bright and contrasting colors, I make the world better.*

We're lucky to have Olga as a member of our community, and we look forward to having her back in the studios soon. View more of her artwork on her website: <https://www.olgaburenkova.com/>



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