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artist's bio

Nadine LaFond is a painter / mixed media artist working on paper, canvas, wood and found objects, creating images that explore journey and dimension through the layering of symbols. Coming from a long line of visual artists, poets and musicians, LaFond began drawing symbols at age four while visiting family in Haiti. Relying on cues from Nature and personal experiences, her work layers the bird's eye view and the eye to eye encounter at once.

She is a vocalist and songwriter performing as lead singer with experimental roots band, *Swampadelica* and with husband / guitarist, Brian Herkert, through their traveling musical laboratory called "*BriDine*". Inspired by American & Caribbean roots music, blues, jazz, hip hop, classical influences (mostly through her brother, opera singer, conductor and vocal scientist, *Jean Ronald LaFond*) and her expanding love of global rhythms and melodies, she writes songs that embrace a variety of styles, cultures and eras to create a unifying contemporary sound.

Nadine was born in Brooklyn, NY and raised in New Jersey where she currently lives, and studied at *Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts*. She is presently an art educator / teaching artist with *Paul Robeson Galleries* at Rutgers University. She is also a session vocalist and has recently recorded with progressive rock band *moe.* and bassist / composer *Mike Gordon*.

statement

*Making art for me starts with moments that immediately strike me as lessons.
 When the underlying tale begins to emerge, I follow that energy.*

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SELECTED GALLERIES & MUSEUMS

The Reginald F. Lewis Museum
of Maryland African American History & Culture
 Hammonds House Museum, Atlanta, GA

Embassy of Haiti, Washington, DC
 Vivant Art Collection, Philadelphia, PA
 A.I.R Gallery, NYC

Manhattan WCO Center, NYC
 Paul Robeson Galleries Aferro, Newark, NJ
 Guerilla Galleries, Newark, NJ
 Gallery Aferro, Newark, NJ
 Crossroads Theater, NewBrunswick, NJ
 Lotus Studios Gallery, Highland Park, NJ
 Raffsonni Gallery, Hackensack, NJ

REPRESENTATION

Vivant Art Collection, Philadelphia, PA
 The Wah Gallery, Germantown, MD
 Vie & Art Collections, Miami, FL
 SpeakEasy Art Gallery, Boonton, NJ
 Lotus Studios Gallery, Highland Park, NJ
 Raffsonni Gallery, Hackensack, NJ

