

## Artist Spotlight on Aileen Frick

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Meet Phoenix based collage artist Aileen Frick, who is creating engaging and truly dazzling imagery inspired by her life in Arizona.



She discovered her passion for art after taking various art courses at a local community college, leading her to exhibit and push her artwork further. Her evocative mixed media collages combine acrylic and oil paint with torn pieces of paper from magazines that allow her to explore and create a broad range of subject matter. Most recently Frick's artwork has centered on Phoenix's urban landscape, its diverse culture and people resulting in work that seems to truly speak to her viewers.



The inspiration behind Frick's artwork is life and its everyday occurrences as well as an obvious reference to impressionism stating, "My style echoes the fashion of the impressionists using modern day references." She skillfully handles her mediums with such detail blurring the fact that these are mixed media pieces. When asked about her work Frick states "I am interested in the way collage can be integrated into paintings so that one is not conscious of the boundary between the printed image and paint."



Frick spent her summer exhibiting her work on the art festival circuit in Colorado and just finished exhibiting at the 27th Annual Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque New Mexico. She just installed a beautiful painting at the Phoenix Convention Center featured in the "Iconic Phoenix Highrises Project," as the final 16th mural, curated by Hugo Medina.

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Next up for Frick is an exhibition at {9} The Gallery with emerging sculptor Danielle Wood entitled "Never Without Shadow" which showcases her striking mixed media collages while "revealing an uncommon view on the landscape of daily life". This exhibition opens this Friday, November 6th during Phoenix's First Friday festivities located in the Grand Avenue Arts District and will on display through November 17th. For more about this exhibition and or {9} The Gallery visit [9thegallery.com](http://9thegallery.com). Want to learn more about artist Aileen Frick visit her online at <http://amfrick.com>. \*Images courtesy and copyright of the artist Aileen Frick.

