



## Biography of Susan Wester Perez

Born in New York City in 1959, before the age of 10 Susan lived in New York, New Jersey, California, and Tennessee. Finally, the family settled down in Newton, Massachusetts, and it was there that she spent her formative years. Her mother and grandmother were both artists and she was exposed to drawing and painting at an early age.

“One of my favorite memories is of my mom coming home with 2 canvas panels. She brought an egg from the kitchen and found an old piece of cloth. She put these things on a table and set up a swing arm lamp to illuminate the simple still life. She squeezed little blobs of different colors onto 2 old mismatched china plates, making an M&M rainbow. My first oil painting was created that day, the day time disappeared, amid the sharp smell of turpentine, I was 7.”

Susan studied Art and Design at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and at Boston's Massachusetts College of Art. In The late 80's she left the east coast for Los Angeles, California. The light of LA caused a rebirth of color in her art work and she began to experiment with bright, almost fluorescent colors.

In 1993, Susan left California to live in El Paso, Texas, where she currently resides with her husband and daughter. The mountains, the skies and the buildings of El Paso make frequent appearances in her paintings. After a lifetime of painting, she began exhibiting her art work in 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Wester Perez". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large, looped initial 'S'.