



## Arts

Our featured artist this issue is Juliana Davidson, Director of Visual Arts for the Osceola Center for the Arts, and a resident of St. Cloud. Juliana attended St. Cloud High School and travelled extensively since her father was in the military. She lived a little while in Southern California. Juliana received a degree in Graphic Design from Orlando College. She has a wide range of experience in graphic design

having worked for several companies.

Juliana finds her greatest expression in painting nudes. “You can say something with your face where your body is saying something else,” she says. Unlike artists who spend time capturing the expression of the eyes, or the facial expression, Juliana leaves faces blank in her paintings while emphasizing the body. She strives to accentuate those simple lines of body which emit sen-

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suality without being overly sexy.

“It is easy to paint a nude, but I try to capture a little bit more than just being naked,” she says. “With bodies, and what we see all the time, I think people have gotten away from the type of confidence we should have in our bodies and in ourselves. When you have a pretty girl she doesn’t need to be taken advantage of because she is just pretty, like this is just all that

she is. When I am creating my art I am also trying to create a gesture that says that there is a little bit more happening here besides nakedness. So far it has been pretty good because most people have been able to get a hold of that.”

Juliana sometimes works in mixed media but she enjoys working in acrylic. She has work that utilize grommet, ribbons and wires, but uses these elements to add sub-

tle dimensions to the piece. At first glance her images appear simple, but at closer examination they exude details: the little sparkle in the paint, iridescence in the hair, the little drop shadow which gives the art an extra depth. Rather than pushing and pulling with color, she uses textures to accomplish the same thing.

Juliana’s work was displayed at the Orlando Museum of Art where



she was awarded *Artist Selection of the Month* for Pop Art. You can see a sampling of some of her pieces on at: [www.julianadavidson.com](http://www.julianadavidson.com)