

BIOGRAPHY

California based painter Allison Gobbell creates contemporary figurative paintings working in oil. Her work centers on allegories of the human condition using children and animals in archetypal roles. Gobbell earned a BFA from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, and is currently obtaining her MFA from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco.

Her years of working in the film industry as a scenic painter in Hollywood, coupled with successfully raising seven children as a homeschooling mother, sharpened her skills, loaded her with life experiences and gifted her with a multitude of stories to share. She has exhibited widely in her home of Santa Barbara, CA with additional shows in Los Angeles. Currently she also contributes paintings to films as an art consultant.

Discover more at allisongobbell.com and [@allisongobbellart](https://www.instagram.com/allisongobbellart) on Instagram.



ARTIST STATEMENT

I begin with a figurative image in my head. These images usually stem from something I have been contemplating for awhile; some kind of issue that's been in my thoughts.

I write down the basic idea before I forget it and if possible make a quick sketch. I do a photo shoot for references and combine images on Photoshop. After achieving a rough working reference, a sketch is followed by a color study, and then a small painting which leads to a larger final painting.

I sometimes use a wax medium or an acrylic modeling paste to build up a thick impasto texture in the early stages of a painting, applying it with brushes, palette knives and sundry tools to create a surface with history. This sets the stage, a sort of mental landscape, for the figure(s) to appear.

My interest is drawn into variation and a bit of mystery in this layered atmosphere. I enjoy a muted palette and matte surfaces, but am mindful of maintaining a richness to my colors that directs the mood and tone of each piece.

The images keep growing and changing at each stage. I feel compelled to revisit the topic again and again at all stages, until the image is fully realized. It is months before I can view the final image somewhat objectively, without emotions clouding my judgment.

Painting is a way for me to process the world – it's struggles and victories – and to show my feelings and thoughts by simplifying a larger issue and portraying it, containing it if you will, on a two dimensional surface.

I think as humans we all grapple with big and small issues, and by portraying these images and ideas I can reach out to people through my work to say, "it's okay, you are not alone. Take time to breathe and reflect, it's going to be alright." That's the mother in



me, trying to make everything better. My small way to bring comfort and hope.



CURRICULUM VITAE

Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 *Various Works* featured in the film Goodrich
- 2023 Allison Gobbell, *The Kitchen*, Santa Barbara, CA USA
- 2022 Allison Gobbell, Calvary Chapel, Santa Barbara, CA USA
- 2021 *Various Works* featured on Hunters, Season 2, Amazon Prime
- 2020 Allison Gobbell, Zookers Restaurant, Carpinteria, CA, USA
- 2020 *A Wing And A Prayer*, Faulkner Gallery East, Santa Barbara, USA
- 2019 *Birds of a Feather*, Gallery 113, Santa Barbara, USA
- 1989 *Soul Fish*, Helen Lindhurst Gallery, Los Angeles, CA USA

Group Exhibitions

- 2025 Santa Barbara Channel Keepers Annual Fundraiser, Santa Barbara CA
- 2024 Music Academy of the West, Montecito, CA USA Group Show
Southern California Artists Preserving the Environment
- 2023 *The Diversity of Painting*, SCAPE, OnlineJuriedShows.com
- 2022 *A Celebration of Art and Nature*, Music Academy of the West, Santa Barbara, CA USA
- 2022 Santa Barbara Art Association Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara, CA USA
- 2021 Carpinteria Arts Center Studio Tour (Virtual and Gallery Hybrid, Carpinteria, CA USA
- 2021 *Sublime (Virtual)*, California Art League, Pasadena, CA USA
- 2020 *6" Squared (Virtual)*, Randy Higbee Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA USA
- 2019 *Small Works Show*, Carpinteria Arts Center, Carpinteria, CA USA
- 2019 *6" Squared*, Randy Higbee Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA USA
- 2019 Santa Barbara Wildlife Fundraiser, Santa Barbara, CA USA
- 2019 Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, Southern California Artists Protecting the Environment,

Santa Barbara, CA USA
 2019 Carpinteria Arts Center Studio Tour, Carpinteria, CA USA
 2019 Visions of the Gaviota Coast, Benefit for the Gaviota Coast
 Conservancy, Ritz Carlton Bacara
 Resort, Santa Barbara, CA USA
 2019 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Earl Warren
 Showgrounds, Santa Barbara CA USA
 2019 Buenaventura Annual Art Open, Museum of Ventura, Ventura,
 CA USA
 2018 Hutton Building Exhibition, Santa Barbara, USA 2018,
 Inspiration Gallery, Santa Barbara CA USA
 2018 Botanic Impressions, Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens Benefit,
 Santa Barbara, CA USA
 2018 Heal The Ocean One Painting At A Time, Heal the Ocean
 Benefit, Santa Barbara Maritime
 Museum, Santa Barbara, CA USA
 2018 Carpinteria Arts Center Studio Tour, Carpinteria, CA USA
 2018 Artist's Studio Tour Group Show, Palm Loft Gallery,
 Carpinteria, CA USA
 2018 Visions of the Gaviota Coast, Gaviota Coast Conservancy/
 Naples Coalition Benefit, Ritz Carlton
 Bacara Resort, Santa Barbara, CA USA
 2018 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Earl Warren
 Showgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA USA
 2018 Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara Art Association, Santa
 Barbara, CA USA
 2017 6" Squared, Randy Higbee Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA USA
 2018 Art Heals, Gallery 113, Santa Barbara, CA USA
 2017 1919 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA USA Honorable Mention.

 2017 Carpinteria & Summerland Artists Studio Tour, Carpinteria,
 CA USA
 2017 Visions of the Gaviota Coast, Gaviota Coast Conservancy/
 Naples Coalition Benefit, Bacara
 Resort, Santa Barbara, CA USA
 2017 Love Songs, Porch, Carpinteria, CA USA
 1991 Lollapalooza Festival, Los Angeles, CA USA

Education

2025 Finishing the MFA program Fall 2025, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA USA
2023 Professional Artists Institute
1990 Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Southern California, Roski School of Fine Arts, Los Angeles, CA USA

Community

2023 Oil Painters of America Associate Member
2023 California Central Coast Artist Corps Artist
2021 Southern California Artists Painting for the Environment (SCAPE) Board Member since 2018
2020 Art Teacher, Carpinteria Arts, Carpinteria CA