## **Ayiana Viviana - Artist Statement**

## **Artist Bio:**

Ayiana Viviana Porter (b. 1984) is a Philadelphia based emerging abstract artist whose work focuses on the exploration of thoughts, emotion and human connection. Most of her work begins with free-form lines which interconnect and allow room and space to dig deeper into the psyche as she explores personal storytelling in her pieces. Her art strongly encourages the observer to identify and perhaps unearth their own deep seeded thoughts and emotions.

Ayiana's works consist primarily of acrylic based paintings and drawings on canvas or heavy weight acrylic paper. Her work is an overarching quest to find significance and meaning in the chaos of life and give personal significance to what we see and experience around us while fostering and encouraging vulnerability and human connection. Ayiana is also an avid writer and a photography enthusiast.

## **Artist Statement:**

I've always been a storyteller. If memory serves me correctly, and sometimes I'll admit, it does

not, the first time I told a story with scribbles and words was when I was 6 years old. I approach

my art with the same mindset by saying through my work, "Here is a story that needs to be told."

The way that presents itself in my work is usually in one of two ways. Either there is already a

story inside of me inspired by a myriad of things in the world around me that I am wanting to tell

visually. Other times, it's a desire to create and the knowing that the story will unfold that

becomes the driving factor in my creativity.

Ultimately, these both honor my truest and fullest self as everything in me aims to exist in a

space of continual creation. I create my reality by every thought I think, every word I utter, and

every action I take. My art expresses the depths of that unfolding.