

## **ARTIST BIO**

Born in Baltimore Ms. Smith was raised in the Bronx, New York. As a child, she loved to read about mystical characters and mythological beings of fairy tales, folklore and legends. The source of her work comes from her dreams and her great imagination. Her vivid and colorful paintings can tell a story which may have the viewer leave with good impression of the painting.

Val is a surrealist artist who delves into creating art out of found objects such as redesigned shoes, bottle art and vinyl LP record albums.

Her work can be viewed at her website [utopiandreamer@artweb.com](mailto:utopiandreamer@artweb.com).

Ms. Smith studied Architectural Design at RET'S technical School, Fine Arts at the Maryland Institute (MICA) and at Towson University's College of Fine Arts and Communications. She studied Basic Electronics and learned a great deal about reading schematics. As a graduate of the Professional Institute of Commercial Art (PICA), Ms. Smith studied Commercial Arts, Graphic Design and Fashion Design.

Her work has a unique blend of architectural design, fashion design, fine and commercial arts. In 2020 her work was exhibited on a 52 foot billboard at North Charles Street, with compliments of LED Baltimore Art Billboard.

The Spotlight interview with surrealist artist Valerie A. Smith can be read at the [blog.artweb.com](http://blog.artweb.com)

