

GILAT BEN-DOR: MEDIA KIT

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ABOUT/BIO

Gilat Ben-Dor is a contemporary artist based in Scottsdale, Arizona. Her colorful work reflects her life philosophy of passion, connection, and joyful living. Artistically, Ben-Dor's focus is on rich color, luxe embellishments, and themes including women, music, society, global cultures, antiquity, and symbols of nature. Her preferred mediums include watercolor and ink, textured mixed media canvases, collage, and painted silk. She also uses unconventional materials for painting, such as prickly pear nectar, coffee, and wine.

Ben-Dor obtained a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Fine Art at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, and studied fresco painting at L'Istituto Lorenzo de Medici in Florence, Italy. She has also lived and studied art in Japan and Israel. Her works have been exhibited and collected internationally, most recently at Postales Desde El Limbo in Zaragoza, Spain.

In addition to creating works for private collectors, Ben-Dor has become a fixture in the Greater Phoenix art scene, widely exhibiting in juried group exhibitions, solo exhibitions, and via independently launched bodies of work, such as her nearly sold-out Pomegranate Tapestry small works series. In 2022, Ben-Dor had a solo exhibition of her theater-themed works, *Curtain Up!*, at the ASU Gammage Auditorium theater. Most recently, in 2023, she debuts in a 2-person exhibition, *Sapient Sojourns*, at the Olney Gallery at the historic Trinity Cathedral in downtown Phoenix.

Ben-Dor has authored three books about celebrating multiple passions, and in addition to her studio practice, has been a curator, a university faculty member in art and design, a life coach, a motivational speaker, and a 5-time certified wine sommelier.

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ARTIST STATEMENT

Beauty and sincerity are the driving forces in my art, which is heavily influenced by my passions for music, travel, and exquisite experiences. As a former director of a wine academy, you will see wine and vineyard influences in my works, as well.

The colors, textures, and elegant ornamentation I adore using are souvenirs of my time living in Italy, Japan, and Israel. I love applying gold, copper, and silver leaf over rich colors in stimulating scenes, whether involving a figure, a tree of life, or – one of my favorite symbols of abundance – pomegranates.

I was also born with Synesthesia, a neural ability that allows a mental “cross-over” between the senses. I picture numbers as colors, for example, and certain smells can remind me of musical tones. This strange (but useful) quirk has helped enrich my art, not only in its end result on paper, silk, or canvas, but also during my creative process. From the type of music I listen to, to the taste in my mouth, everything influences the choice of color, mood, and even subject matter I reach for in that moment.

I believe in making our own luck, fortune, and happiness. And, despite all that may surround us in this world, I refuse – simply refuse – to accept a gloomy mindset, or spiritual defeat. I use paints, dyes, and inks to pave the road to a life well lived, not just for myself but for all those who wish to join me. You are cordially invited.

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