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Sally King Benedict

Artist

Sally King Benedict began painting before she could read or write, so it's no surprise she joined a growing community of artists who share space at Redux Contemporary Art Center in downtown Charleston, South Carolina, after graduating from the College of Charleston in 2007. Benedict's vibrant abstracts have drawn comparisons to Cy Twombly and Mark Rothko, but she's most influenced by innovative females like Georgia O'Keeffe and Sonia Delaunay, the French painter who applied her geometric vision to everything from textiles to photography. Benedict often incorporates the kaleidoscopic colors of the Lowcountry and recently began dabbling in portraiture. "I don't want to stay in one comfortable place," she says. The bold slashes of hue and subject matter in the painting *Gullah*, an avant-garde portrait, demonstrate Benedict's aesthetic. "I painted that face to illustrate the importance of relating to one another," she says, "and to portray an element in history." (To see Benedict's work, visit sallybenedict.com.)

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