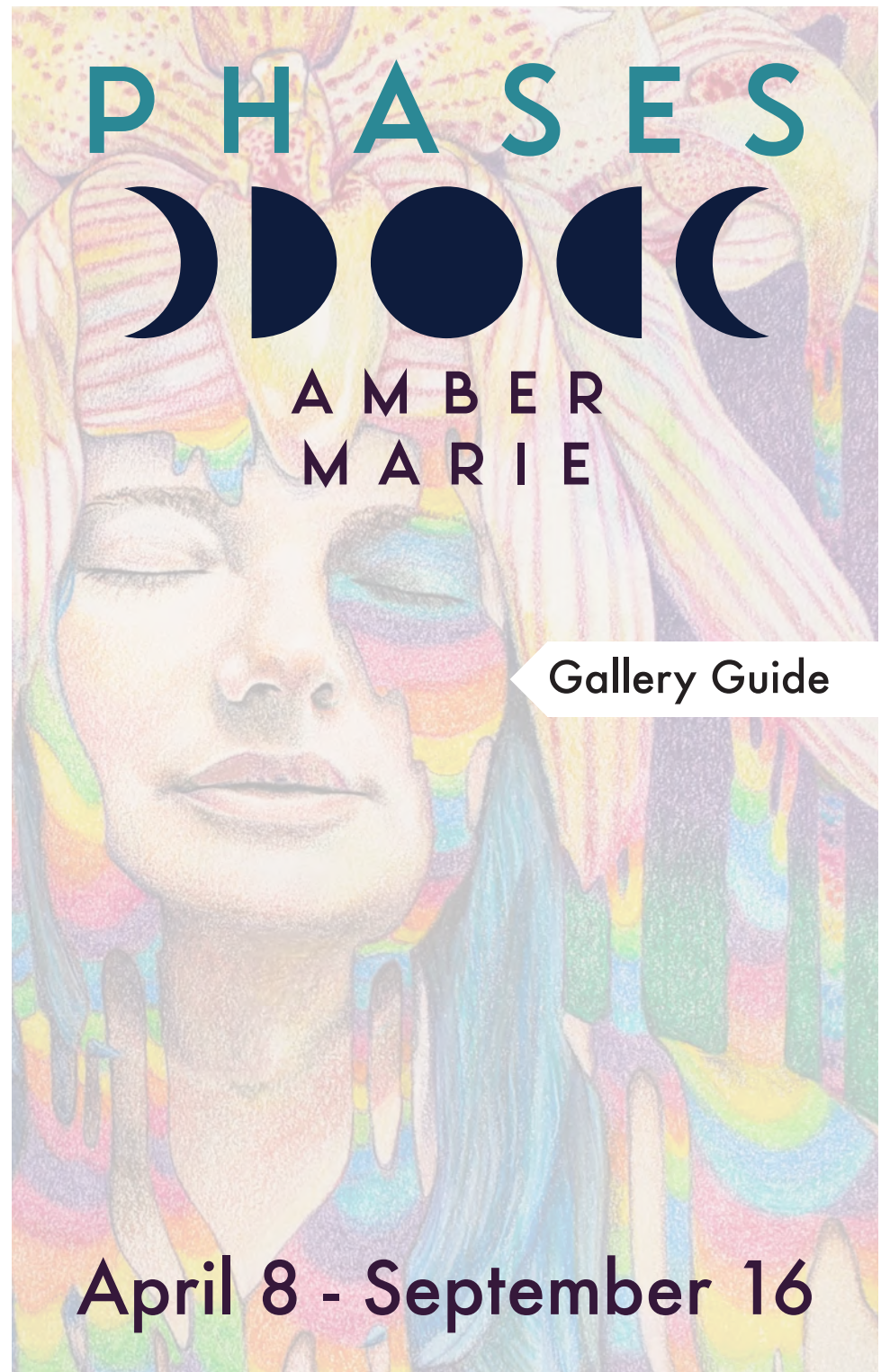




Belleza Genuina, Amber Marie

Amber Marie's show has many colored pencil portraits that feature a wide spectrum of colors. Even the shadows in the artworks are bursting with bold, beautiful colors. Color is a wonderful tool artists can use to create mood in a piece of art. The effect of color can have a strong impact on your feelings.

How do Marie's color choices make you feel?



ABOUT THE ARTIST

Artist Statement

Women defy a blanket definition. My own journey as a woman is fraught with being told what I am, should be, and could become. It was beaten into me with words, fists, and actions by my biological parental units and an ex-husband. They wanted to harm me, to own me, and keep me from being anything more than a life support for my vagina. When I was talking to a support specialist on the National Suicide Hotline once, they asked me how I've kept going. That is an excellent question. Curiosity and perseverance is my answer.

To JUST BE is a huge act as a woman. To JUST BE what WE CHOOSE.

I want to present them. As they are in any phase of their life. I want to tell their stories, from how they change, how they handled what happened to them, what we are, and what we become. What is shared with me becomes a symbolic journey, where bones and skulls are truth and perfection, flowers are rebirth and death, and animals lead the way.

Not one of us is stagnant. We are never what we start out as. Our body changes alone bring about cultural and societal pressures and repercussions, as fluid becomes so important to us. Menstruation becomes a focus, as does our ability to lubricate ourselves for sex, or how well our body can propagate or not. There isn't a thing about us that is not up for debate and definition from others.

My works are not intended to encourage debate. They are open to interpretation, connection, or dismissal, like any other piece of artwork. They exist to show the strength, passion, or another facet of the person within the piece.

Like the women they depict,

They just are.



Lintukoto, Amber Marie

Amber Marie's works are a celebration of the journey life takes us on and the various phases we must go through to become a fully realized and better version of ourselves. Her work is full of life, color, and symbolism.

How do these elements contribute to your perception of her overall message?