

# SUNNY BELLISTON

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"Repair & Disrepair"

**Sunny Belliston** was born in Salt Lake City and raised in St. George, UT. She received both her bachelor of fine arts and her art education degrees from **Brigham Young University**, and recently graduated with her master of fine arts degree in painting from the **Ohio State University**. Sunny is currently teaching part time at BYU, and spending the rest of her time painting in her studio in downtown Salt Lake.

*"I am interested in color. I pick it up like an object, or I store it away in memory. I gather it and I stack it in my palette of files. I like to find color in places where you don't expect to see it, but if you look hard enough, or if you look in a direction where you normally wouldn't, you find it – like the color in corners and edges of things, or color that is patched up, or peeking through.*

*My studio walls are full of photographs – of places I have been, electric poles, billboards and buildings. My tables support scraps of metal and files of painted paper. I build paintings with them piece by piece, and layer upon layer. They are reminiscent of the way I see the world – patterns of random and mismatched colors of the city and of daily life.*

*The materials I work with are deemed of little value - materials that have been discarded and found. They are the leftovers of something before, and something bigger. They are fragments of a story, or a place, bits of color and shape.*

*This body of work is an exploration of the concepts of order and disorder, of repair and disrepair, and of the relationship between chance and deliberate choices in my painting process."*

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