

Painting is my absolute passion!

My name is **Daniela Frimpong-Mansoh**. I was born on May 15, 1985 in Vienna. My family originally comes from the West African state of Ghana. So I grew up between two cultures which are both very close to my heart. I feel as **a proud Viennese with African roots**. Since childhood I have been painting passionately and never gave up this passion, even while working in various professions, until I found the courage to apply to the Academy of Fine Arts and make my dream come true.

I was accepted into the **class for "representational painting"** of Prof. Kirsi Mikkola and since then I feel fully in my element for the first time in my life. Since then I paint almost incessantly and could not exist without painting. I try to **express these two cultures, their opposites, but also their similarities, in my paintings**. I paint purely emotionally and feel that painting is the language in which I can best express myself. Vienna with its great European-cultural tradition and Africa with its very own cultural tradition, are not opposites for me, but inspirations that mutually enrich and connect.

My paintings should be an expression of my deepest inner being. **I paint without a concept or plan, but from a deep inner drive** that grips me and which I cannot resist, even if I wanted to. My biggest wish is **to touch other people with my paintings**, then and only then, I feel fulfilled and connected to art.

I am happy about your interest!