



The Wandering Path

Luminous Art in Straw

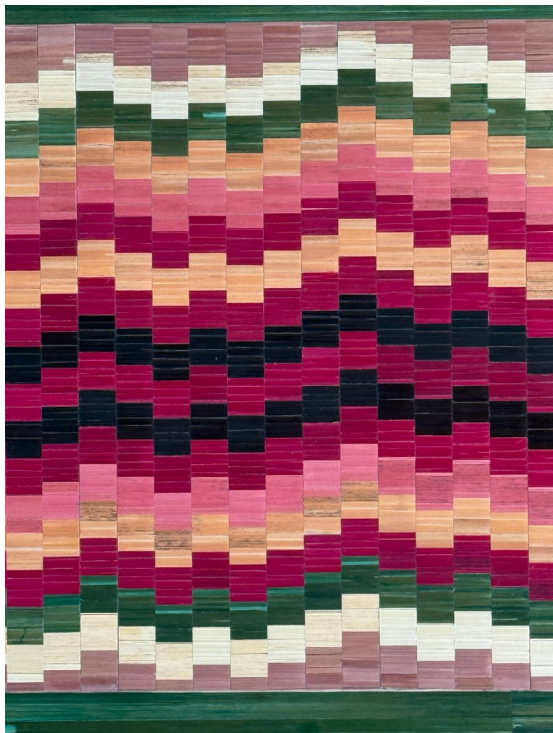
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Detail view of *Rich*
Inner Life #1



Bargello Example
from 1600s



The Wandering Path Series

This series draws inspiration from Bargello needlework, a traditional flame-stitch technique where rhythmic patterns emerge through the meticulous shifting of stitches. Historically seen in upholstery and even accessories like wallets and pocketbooks in the 1800s, Bargello reflects the beauty of structured creativity. Like many traditional crafts—tile-work, quilting, weaving, or lattice-work—it embodies a harmonious balance between order and artistry that I find endlessly inspiring.

The Wandering Path also reflects something deeply personal: the idea that life's most meaningful journeys are rarely straight. While we often aim for clarity and direction, it's in the detours, meanders, and unexpected moments that we discover life's true richness.

Each piece in this series captures that philosophy. And although the pathways in my compositions appear to wander, ironically they are built entirely from precise, straight lines. The shimmer, texture, and natural variations in the straw bring these pathways to life, creating a sense of movement and inviting discovery. The result is art that feels both grounding and captivating—an invitation to pause and reflect, while celebrating the beauty of the unexpected.

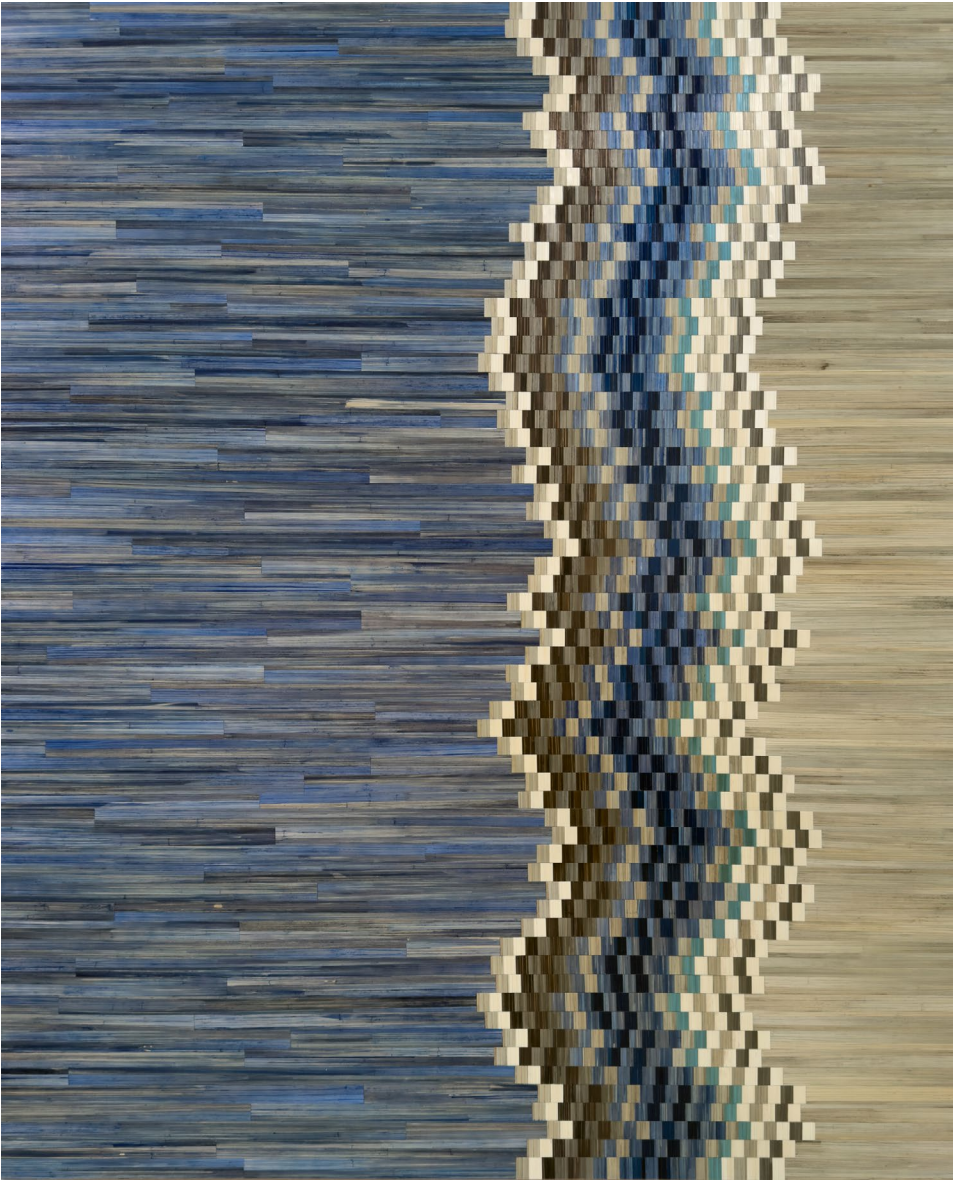
A Measure of Stillness

2024

48in x 39in

Stillness is rarely the absence of movement; it is the harmony found within it. *A Measure of Stillness* explores the balance between calm and disruption, where structured order meets organic flow.







Rich Inner Life #1 and #2

2024

36in x 36in (each)



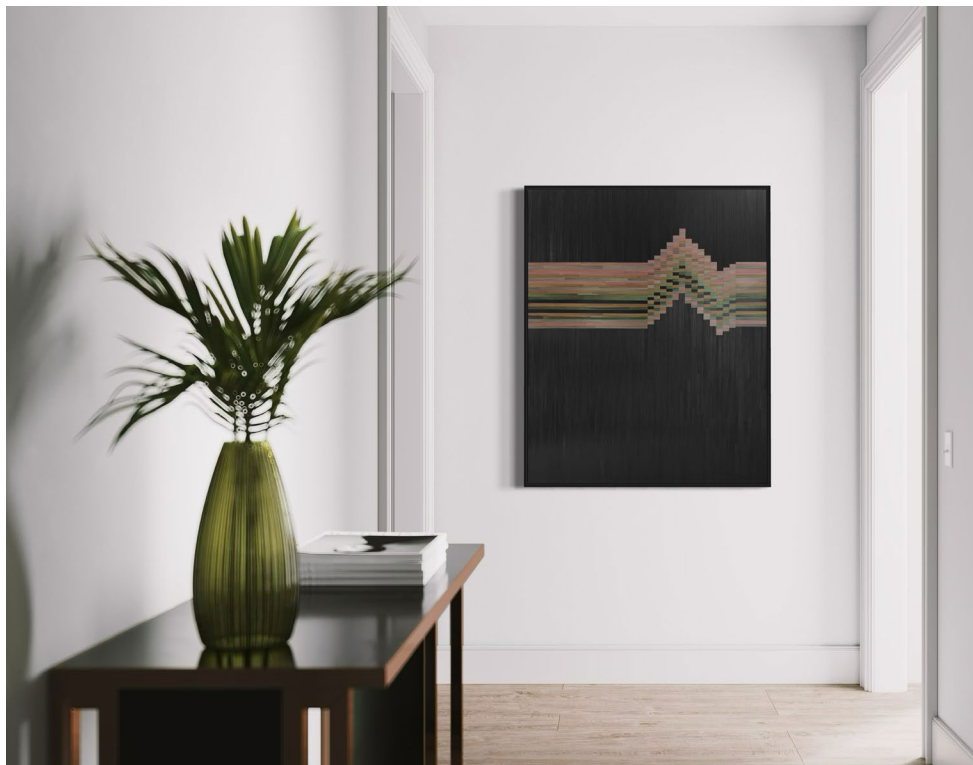
Rich Inner Life #1 and *Rich Inner Life #2* were inspired by the intricate artistry of Bargello needlework. And while they each exude a calm simplicity, the vibrant band suggests a more complex world if one is curious enough to explore.

Just a Moment

2024

48in x 39in

Life often moves in waves—steady and rhythmic, but occasionally marked by peaks of intensity. *Just a Moment* explores the fleeting nature of those defining instances, where time feels suspended and we need to remind ourselves to breathe.







The Alchemist's Dream

2024

24in x 60in



Alchemy is the ancient pursuit of turning base materials, like lead, into gold. *The Alchemist's Dream* explores this transformative process—elevating a humble material into something radiant and precious.

About

Sarah Barone Schwartz is a Boston-based artist known for her ability to transform spaces with art that balances precision and organic beauty. Her journey began in engineering, where she honed her problem-solving skills and love for technical drawing. But it was in textile design that she discovered her passion for creating patterns and textures that elevate everyday spaces.

After studying textile design in Berkeley, California, Sarah co-founded Sarah + Ruby Design Studio, celebrated for its hand-painted wallpaper. Using a modern take on the centuries-old paste-paper technique, Sarah developed designs that combine old-world craftsmanship with contemporary aesthetics. Her wallpapers have been featured in showcase houses, international showrooms, and publications like *Interior Design* and *The Textile Eye*. They adorn walls worldwide.

In 2021, Sarah expanded her creative practice to include fine art.. Working with natural materials like straw, her art blends geometric compositions with the luminous, tactile qualities of organic surfaces. Each piece reflects her signature balance of structure and texture.

Sarah's engineering background informs her precise approach to design, while her deep appreciation for artisanship brings warmth and balance to her work. Her art is often described as mesmerizing and meditative, with a shimmering quality that captures light and transforms its surroundings.

Based in Boston, Sarah collaborates with interior designers, architects, and homeowners to create art that enhances intentional, elegant spaces.



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