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**Adjusting her sails:  
Art teacher changes course with a debut exhibit at Artfest Port Credit**

MISSISSAUGA, May 17, 2018: Celina Melo, a Mississauga-based abstract artist, is thrilled to announce her debut exhibit at Artfest Port Credit from May 25-27.

An accomplished artist and photographer, Celina spent most of the past decade teaching Visual Arts, Photography and Media Arts at John Cabot Catholic Secondary School in Mississauga. A series of personal life events combined with a discovery of the rugged-yet-serene settings of Georgian Bay inspired her new collection “Waterworks”. The paintings explore the reflective quality of water and the vibrant scope of colours and textures in the landscape.

While on maternity leave, Celina’s life took a sharp turn. “Unexpectedly, I found myself having to make life-altering decisions about my health. On the shores of Georgian Bay, I found my happy place.” A close friend aptly quoted Elizabeth Edwards in a card, “She stood in the storm, and when the wind did not blow her way, she adjusted her sails.” Celina’s personal journey inspired her to focus on her art full-time, and she is delighted to have the enthusiastic support of former students, peers and family.

Her pieces are a combination of painting, pouring and pushing acrylic paints to mimic and create the sensation of movement and colour. The result is a work which meanders between reality and abstraction. Celina will be showcasing larger and smaller pieces at various price ranges, and also accepts commissions, “I enjoy working with clients and creating works that are personal and meaningful to them.”

For more information, please contact Celina at 416-833-2038 or by email at [celinamelofineart@gmail.com](mailto:celinamelofineart@gmail.com). You will find her at Memorial Park in downtown Port Credit during Artfest, May 25-27, booth #E11. Facebook/Instagram: [@celinamelofineart](https://www.instagram.com/celinamelofineart)

