



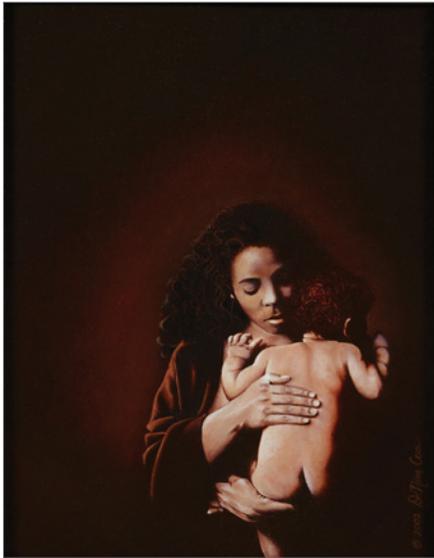
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## **‘Moment’ Inspires Art Acquisition in Moments**

The opening reception had finally begun. Mobs of local artists and art collectors were funneling into the historic Prallsville Mill in Stockton NJ for the annual Artsbridge member’s art show. Among the new members was artist and creator D Nina Cruz who had just moved to Warren county just eight months earlier and wanted to get connected to an art group. She believes it’s important for artists to have community. “It feeds our creative process and keeps us connected in what can sometimes be solitary work.”

As Cruz arrived to the opening reception and began taking in all the amazing pieces, her anticipation was to finally be able to meet and commune with fellow artists. The show had only been open 15 minutes when she arrived to her own piece with a red dot on it. Cruz found herself dashing away quickly in doubt, and looking for other red dots.

“Every artist knows what a red dot means. It’s a sale, but I didn’t see any others. For several minutes I actually doubted my senses.” Her oil on canvas had won the attentions of art collector and bronze sculpture, Christiane Casella. Casella and her husband both agree that Christine has always been partial to that mother and child bond. “It made me smile as it brought back a special time in my own life, those quiet, intimate moments with my own children. It will add a lovely warmth to the main gallery in our home.”

Nina feels the piece now has an amazing story to tell as it has come full circle with three artists. The photo that inspired the painting was taken by NY photographer Sydney Michele, interpreted in oil by herself, and now added to Casella’s art collection.

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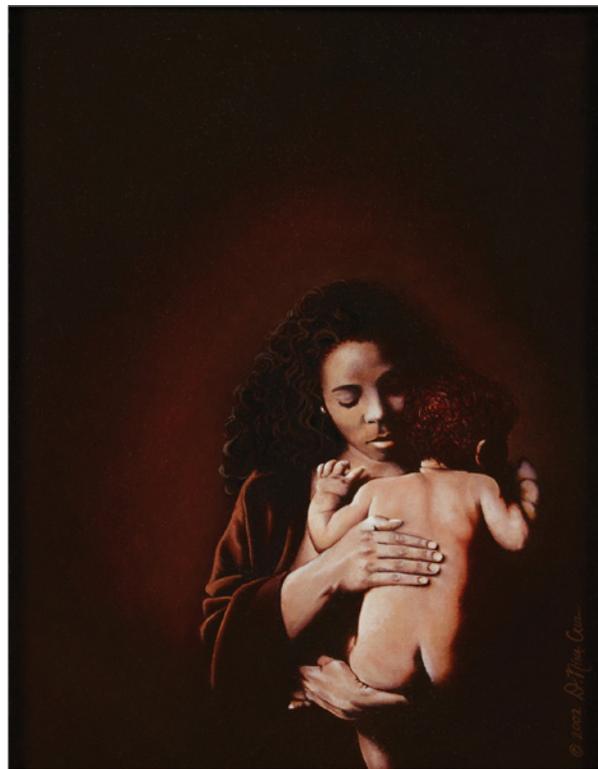
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“Mahogany Moment” is the title of this warm scene of mother and child. “I’m proud and honored”, said Nina. It seems a momentous occasion for Cruz in her new community where ‘Mahogany Moment’ found a new home of its own... in moments.

The Artsbridge show runs from Sun. Feb 9 1-4pm; Fri-Sun. Feb14-16 1-4pm; Fri-Sun. Feb 21-23 1-4pm. Nina Cruz’s works can be found online at [www.cruzcreate.com](http://www.cruzcreate.com)



Artist and creator D Nina Cruz, stands beside her painting “Mahogany Moment” that sold within moments of the opening reception at the Artsbridge 19th annual member’s show.

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**D Nina Cruz** is a visual artist working in different mediums, portraying figure and nature. Her work is detailed in layers of translucent paint. She is interested in the positive effects art has on the human condition. In her creativity she is passionate about individual elements that unite toward a cohesive vision. Painting in her home studio bordering PA/NJ, she engages in craftsmanship while advancing in new challenges with medium and design.