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## “The Wonders of the Artful Colors” By Salima Fellah



Reston, VA – Salima Fellah’s abstract paintings swirl to life in vivid and bold colors – bright oranges and vibrant reds juxtaposed with brilliant greens and soothing blues. Salima’s exhibit, “*The Wonders of the Artful Colors*,” will be from February 2 – 29, 2008 in the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods.

Salima came to the United States from Algeria, North Africa on a scholarship to attend graduate school at the University of Virginia in 1980. She is now a software and chemical engineer by profession, but art is her passion. She began painting in the early nineties, her current style coming out of one long weekend in 2006: “I was almost exploding with the creative desire to paint. And I did that for three whole days. I just could not stop, even waking up in the middle of the night and going straight to my canvas.”

Working in both acrylics and pastels, one work, *Childhood Memories*, is a dreamy painting of white columns and arches, surrounding a small body of water. Salima relates that this is a typical setting found in the traditional homes of North Africa where several members of a family share a big house. “What I painted is the common area where the family usually gathers to talk or have a cup of coffee or tea. This room keeps the family together while also allowing for some privacy.”

Salima has won several awards and is a member of the League of Reston Artists, The Fairfax Art League, and the Arts Council of Fairfax County. Her website is [www.safehart.com](http://www.safehart.com).

Above Image: “*Laughter*,” Acrylic by Salima Fellah

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About the Reston Community Center

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