



11TH ANNUAL  
**RECOVERY**  
**IN THE ARTS**  
PROJECT

SEPTEMBER 2018 - CELEBRATING NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH



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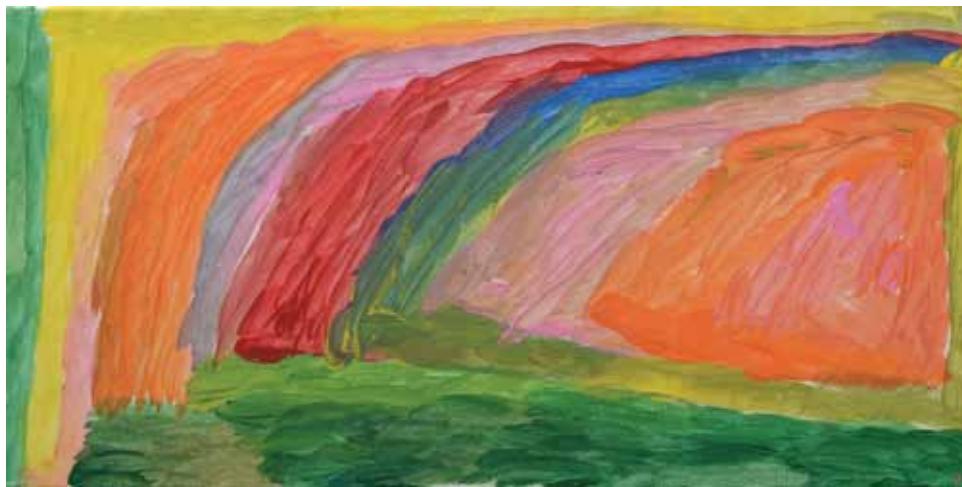
Featuring Photography, Paintings and Poetry  
created by consumers of Behavioral Health Services  
throughout Miami-Dade County.

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THE RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL IS TO SUPPORT  
NOT JUST DISABILITIES BUT  
THE PROFOUND ABILITIES  
THAT LIE WITHIN INDIVIDUALS TO HEAL, GROW,  
AND TRANSFORM.

RECOVERY CANNOT ALWAYS BE SPOKEN  
IN WORDS BUT IT CAN BE EXPRESSED  
THROUGH ART THAT SHOWCASES THE POWER  
AND REALITY OF MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY.















## THAT KISS A MASTERPIECE...

If chaos is a work of art, then my Soul is a masterpiece! It has to be, why else would she be attracted to it as if it were a gallery?  
She claims that my body is statuesque, a sculptured monument and she admires it from afar with alternate intentions.  
She possesses something similar to Midas, but her magic is much more enticing. See, there's this thing that she does with her luscious lips and her succulent tongue, to you it's just a kiss. To me? it's the gift of life! Colors are brighter, air is fresher, I can feel things to my core!  
Have you ever felt your breath being taken away and breathed back into your Soul at the same time? I told you that my Soul is a masterpiece because, every kiss is a brush stroke with which she paints a new color on to it in order to create what it's now become.  
Is there an opposite to a kiss? Well, I don't ever want to find out, because if her kiss is life, the opposite will be... you know, the inevitable!

If chaos is a work of art, then my soul has a mate!

The stars to the darkness, the sun to the morning sky, the waves to the ocean,  
listen, novels were written based on our connection.

Masterpieces of Love, like, Marc Anthony and Cleopatra, Romeo and Juliet,  
Paris and Helen, and they've still fell short when describing  
the ardent passion shared between our Holy Trinity.

Her kisses haven't been found in any of those stories.

They make you forget your name, how or when to breathe,  
knees buckle as you try to determine how is it that you're going to stand still  
like time is supposed to be, but it isn't, all because of that one kiss.

Some say that she suffers from basorexia, and I may have the cure.

Problem is I don't want her to be healed. If you felt that kiss,  
you'd know why they say that if chaos is a work of art, then my Soul is a Masterpiece...



JOSE GOMEZ



## INTIMATE WHISPER

An intimate whisper and that's when I noticed the power of my words.

I swore it was my voice, but seeing how you trembled and hearing you confess  
to how your body blushed in parts that I couldn't see, made me stand at attention!

Now I'm curious to see. I whispered that I wanted to steal a kiss and you allowed me to,  
but it wasn't a kiss, but more like whispering in your mouth, and I taught you how to breathe  
by leaving you breathless. You falling into my arms was one of the greatest feelings of my life.

Was it due to love? Upon first sight, touch, kiss, sound? Did I awaken all your senses with that intimate whisper?

We're now skin to skin and I can feel you trembling again so I hold you tighter,  
kiss you and our hearts feel like they're having a conversation.

Destiny, dreams, Soul mates...

none of these I believed in until the magic within you made them a reality!

You are now my single one of these turn reality and it was your intimate  
whisper that made me believe in magic.

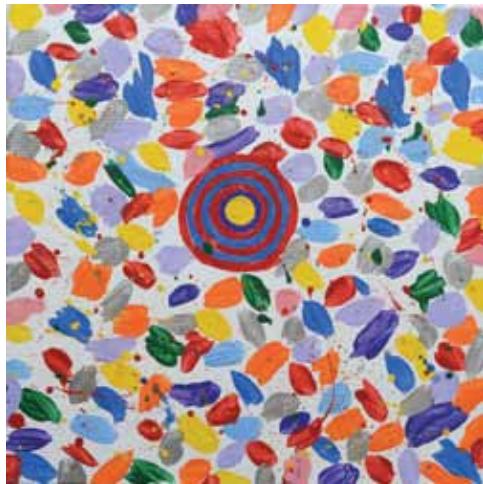
Your presence alone makes my heart rate elevate and veins hum.

I'm intoxicated still by that kiss and not sure if it was my intimate whisper  
or yours that started this sensation of being drunk on love,  
but I must admit it's tantalizing and I like it.

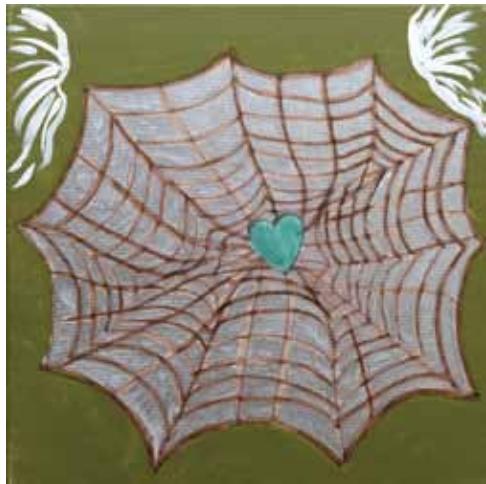
My thoughts nibbling on your ears as my hands spread your passions,  
gripping your desires as they let out soft moans against your Soul...  
and to think it all started with an intimate whisper!!!



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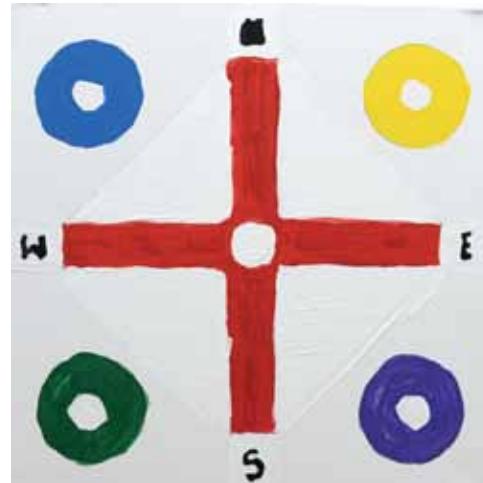










































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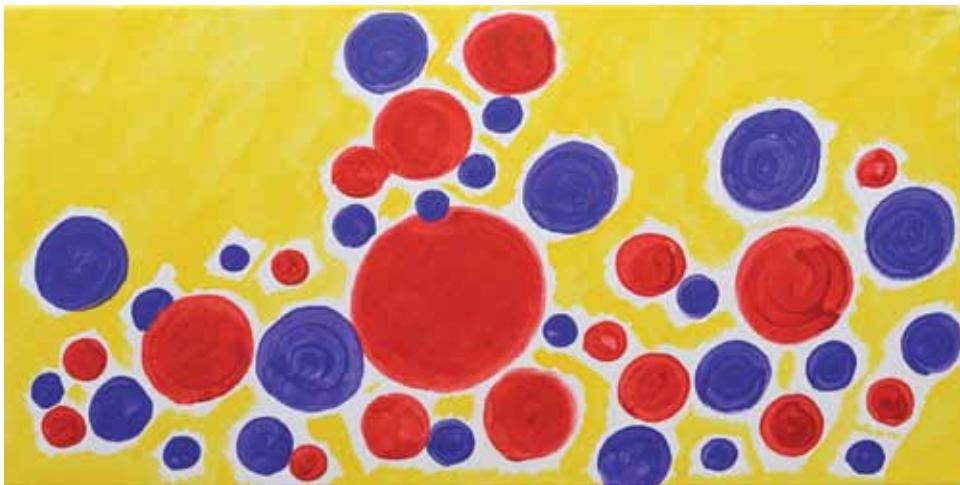
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