

## ***Liminal Spaces***

What is the Liminal Space? “A liminal space is the time between the ‘what was’ and the ‘next.’ It is a place of transition, waiting, and not knowing.” (inaliminalspace.org)

Author and theologian Richard Rohr describes this space as:

*“when you have left the tried and true, but have not yet been able to replace it with anything else. ...where we are betwixt and between the familiar and the completely unknown. There alone is our old world left behind, while we are not yet sure of the new existence. That’s a good space where genuine newness can begin. Get there often and stay as long as you can by whatever means possible...This is the sacred space where the old world is able to fall apart, and a bigger world is revealed.”*

In this first solo exhibition in Los Angeles, I am calling the show *Liminal Spaces* because it epitomizes my transition from being an established artist in Chicago to expanding my career and vision into a new and bigger art world of Los Angeles with the hope of thriving even more. The naming of the show is self-referential as a new artist here rather than speaking to specific works. As an artist, I feel like I am, as the New York Times describes it, “on the ‘threshold’ of or between two different existential planes.” With *Liminal Spaces*, I’m showing Los Angeles my unique style of contemporary, abstract painting.

### **ABOUT RANDI RUSSO**



Randi Russo is a visual artist and musician who currently resides and works in Los Angeles. Before venturing into dual careers in music and visual art, she studied painting at Washington University in St. Louis and psychology at New York University. A native New Yorker, Russo spent much of her time as a musician, touring and releasing three albums. She then decided to leave NYC and venture to Chicago to pursue her first passion – painting. In Chicago she was represented by Thomas Masters Gallery, alongside artists such as Magdalena Abakanowicz, Hunt Slonem, and Art Shay. A review of her solo show was featured on the prestigious art blog *Hyperallergic*. She recently had a painting chosen to be on the home page of *SaatchiArt.com* by their chief curator. Randi exhibited in numerous group shows, including one at the Chicago Cultural Center, in addition to her solo shows in NYC and Chicago.