

**Best Visual Artist** —**Patty Meotti**

Patty Meotti, no stranger to our top three picks for Visual Artist, is an Italian-born painter that has lived on St. Maarten for about 30 years. She uses acrylic paints – applying it to canvas, wood, or even walls, depending on her mood, using brushes, knives, and sometimes, her hands.

Patty remains inspired by memories of the Italian period La Dolce Vita “when my father and grandfathers wore beautiful Borsalino hats.” She’s also fascinated by the colours of the Caribbean, especially the variety of blues in our sea.

“When inspiration strikes, I love painting abstracts and colourful fish, with strong colours...but my speciality lies in composing a red that doesn’t already exist. I create it by mixing different colours, and it has been compared to the famous ‘Red Valentino’ whose famous creator has sadly just passed away.”

Patty, who will celebrate her 64th birthday soon, on Saint Valentine’s Day, specialised at the European Institute of Design in Milano, where she earned a diploma in hyperrealistic illustration. She has been painting since her teenage years. Unfortunately, for medical reasons, Patty is not hosting exhibitions, preferring to see customers by appointment only. Interested persons can contact meottigallery@gmail.com or find her on social media.

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