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"creative power and purity amid adverse surroundings"
-Andy Anh Ha

Andy Anh Ha is an LA-based painter who is endlessly fusing his imagination into a canvas. He is originally from Nashville, Tennessee and relocated to LA in 2004 after graduating from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a BFA in Fine Arts.

His work runs the gamut between modern-contemporary, to Dada-mixed media. Metals, texts, stencils, and polyacrylics regularly appear in his work in addition to traditional oils.

"From childhood until this day, I've been molded to be an artist - someone who creates," says Andy.

Growing up on welfare within a first-generation Asian-American family of four brothers and sisters, life often presented Andy with many difficult choices at a young age. Instead of crumbling with his surroundings, he'd always choose creativity instead of destruction.

"It's all about making something out of nothing."

The lotus flower is of constant aesthetic and iconic inspiration given that it's beauty and strength can survive the muddiest swamps. "The lotus is an important aspect in relation to my culture and way of life -- I have stayed grounded by knowing that with hard work and determination, goals can be achieved," says Andy.

He's worked with and sold pieces to the likes of Jessica Alba (*Sin City, Fantastic Four*), Jamie Murray (*Dexter*), Dan Abrams (*MSNBC*), Darin Brooks (*Days of Our Lives*), Ben Savage (*Boy Meets World*), Kari Whitman (*Kari Whitman Interiors*), Frank Mechaly (*575 Denim*) and Queen Latifah (*hip hop artist/actress*).