



Winter 2021 Newsletter

- Letter from **Eliane and Gary Markoff**
- Featured Artists: **Martina Angela Müller** and **Lori Slavin**

We thank each board member for helping us achieve a significant funding milestone. The Rachel Molly Markoff Foundation has to date funded over \$2M of research grants. We are proud of our most recent grant of \$250,000 to Dr. Mariella Philbin of Dana-Farber and Dr. Suzanne Baker of St. Jude. Dr. Philbin leads the research to find more effective treatments and eventually a cure for Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG). The research grant evolved from a multi-disciplinary medical forum sponsored by Art n Giving in 2019 thanks to the leadership of Dr. Victoria Richon, Chair of Art in Giving's Scientific Advisory Board, Dr. Bradley Bernstein of Mass General Hospital and Dr. Mark Kieran of Bristol Myers Squibb who co-chaired the forum. [Please click here](#) to read the interview with Dr. Philbin and the progress made in the research.

During this time of deep crisis in our country, we are very grateful for your support. We especially want to express our thanks to all of the Art in Giving artists, our donors, the International Interior Design Association New England (IIDANE) for the honors, and our major clients this year, Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. BioMed Realty and Marcus Partners.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We hope everyone enjoys the holiday season in good health.

Our warmest regards,
Eliane and Gary Markoff



Martina Angela Müller



Lori Slavin



Martina Angela Müller

One thematic thread has run through my artistic work over the last few years: the theme of wings and levity. Wings and levity have captured the imagination of humans for millennia. Wings are an expression of freedom, of the expansive nature of our soul and spirit unfolding to their full potential, the victorious rise above circumstance and a harbinger of new possibilities. We find winged beings in mythologies all over the world in the form of guardian angels, birds as messengers between the human and the divine world and great beings of the elements of nature. Many of my pieces have been inspired by the fluid movements that the living forces of nature inscribe into the molecular structure of wood, stone, sand, clouds and water. They look like wings. The amplification and enlargement of these fluid gestures get incorporated into the artistic process and freely improvised on. We often pass by the most miraculous manifestations of form, movement and color in nature and an enlargement brings them closer to our attention. Nature is indeed full of inspiring wings.

The great loss of life, confinement and uncountable sacrifices in all areas of life during this pandemic can easily bring us down. We attempt again and again to lift ourselves up. We have no choice; we have to reinvent ourselves every day and mobilize the forces of levity and radiance to be inherent in our actions and to keep us going.

The long road towards a cure for childhood cancer is similar to what we are experiencing now during the pandemic. The Markoff family has been on this road for a very long time sparked by the great loss of a daughter and sister. They are masters at it. The Markoff family is an inspiration in how it rises above grief every day and gives wings to the hope of other families to beat childhood cancer with the research funded by their philanthropic organization.



Furthest Out 24" x 20" Oil on canvas \$1,600



Radiance 4' x 6' Oil on canvas \$6,900.00



Lori Slavin

As I reflect on the pandemic, I am struck by its insistent reminder of the universality of the human condition and human experience. To me, the beauty of art is its capacity to capture those universalities and interpret them in ways that tap into our subconscious and truly transform us. I hope I am able to move others through my art and perhaps even transform them in some small way. I am thrilled to offer paintings through Art in Giving to allow my art to have even more of an impact. In addition to painting, I make jewelry and recently donated 200 handmade, one-of-a-kind necklaces to MGH for their frontline nurses and others. I hope you will enjoy my work and help support Art in Giving.



Illuminations 36" x 24" Acrylic on canvas \$2600



Interrogation 36" 36" Acrylic on canvas \$3600