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## ZARIA FORMAN – CLIMATE CHANGE IN PASTEL



*Jakobshavn is arguably the most famous glacier in the world. It is one of the fastest-flowing major glaciers. With speeds approaching 150 feet per day, it is roughly four times faster than it was in 1990. The glacier has thinned and retreated dramatically in the last 25 years, losing more than 100 meters of thickness over a very broad area, dumping ice into the ocean and raising sea level correspondingly. Jakobshavn creates ten percent of all the icebergs in the Atlantic, including, most likely, the one that sunk the Titanic. The big, discrete blocks of ice in this drawing are known as seracs, and there are about 100-150 feet between each one.*

Zaria Forman  
Jakobshavn Glacier, Greenland, 69° 47'  
31.092"N 49° 47' 31.7076"W, 2018  
Soft Pastel on Paper, 68 x 102 inches

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The Jakobshavn glacier is also of special significance to Forman as she shares her story: "Icebergs calve off Jakobshavn Glacier into Disco Bay, which is where I saw icebergs for the first time. Five years later, I returned to spread my mother's ashes in the same bay, on a trip she and I were planning to take together. Another five years after that, I returned with NASA to fly over Jakobshavn, experiencing the Glacier from an entirely new perspective." The NASA drawing series, to which this mural image belongs, offers a visual understanding

of the changes occurring in the ice, allowing viewers to connect emotionally with places they may never have the chance to visit. They convey the beauty of these vulnerable regions, as opposed to their devastation, with the hope of inspiring viewers to help preserve them.

**Zaria Forman** documents climate change in pastel. She travels to remote regions of the world to collect images and inspiration for her work. She has flown with NASA on several Operation Ice Bridge missions over Antarctica, Greenland, and Arctic Canada. She has been featured on *CBS Sunday Morning*, *CNN*, and *ABC7 Eyewitness News*. Zaria delivered a TED Talk in 2015, and has spoken at Amazon, Google, and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Her work was part of Banksy's *Dismaland* exhibition and she was the artist-in-residence aboard the National

*Geographic Explorer*, in Antarctica. Her works have been featured in the *New York Times T Magazine*, *National Geographic Proof Blog*, *Huffington Post*, and *Smithsonian* magazine, among others. Forman currently works and resides in Brooklyn, NY, and is represented by Winston Wächter Fine Art in New York, NY and Seattle, WA.

To watch Zaria Forman's "Drawings that show the beauty and fragility of Earth" TED Talk, scan the QR code with your smart phone or tablet.

