



Laurel True and TrueMosaicsStudio

“An adored teacher, True divides her time between private and public commissions by teaching in various parts of the world. Her energy is contagious, and her quest for experimentation and knowledge confirm her identity as a perpetual student.” — JoAnn Loctov, Author, *Mosaic Art and Style: Designs for Living Environments*

“She’s unbelievably enthusiastic and extremely professional, she listens to her clients and hears what they want, and in her own creative way comes up with wonderful things. She’s very inventive and has a wonderful sense of color” — Lynne Baer, San Francisco Public Art Consultant, *San Francisco Chronicle*

“Journeying and coming to rest are recurrent themes throughout Laurel’s work. However, each piece belongs to a whole that lends itself to the interpretation of the person seeing it. Proving that the art actually lives a life outside of the artist, and soars beyond the artist’s own definitions.” — Rick Zanders, *Madison Times*

Selected Press and Publications

- 2005 SPARK!, KQED TV Channel 9
“Mosaic Art and Style” by JoAnn Loctov
- 2004 San Francisco Chronicle
HGTV, “Crafters Coast to Coast”
- 2003 “Mosaic Techniques and Traditions” by Sonia King
Oakland Tribune
New Orleans Times-Picayune
Crafts Report
- 2002 Milpitas Journal
The Guild- Architects Edition 17, 11, 10
Channel 14 News, San Francisco, CA
- 2001 Pleasanton Daily
- 2000 American Style Magazine
The Economist
Marin Independent Journal
- 1999 San Francisco Examiner Magazine
San Francisco Bay Guardian
Channel 4 News, San Francisco
New Mission News
- 1998 Gardens International
The New York Times

Laurel True has been brightening up the mosaic world with her unique and funky style for 16 years. True hails from the Midwest where she attended the University of Wisconsin, receiving a BA in African Art and Cultures. With degree in hand, Laurel took to traveling the world. In Africa, she fell in love with textiles, returning home to design and produce a line of clothing. Although her attention soon turned to mosaics, she still draws great inspiration from the textiles of the world.

From the start of her mosaic career as an apprentice to a well-known Philadelphia mosaic artist, Laurel has developed a unique style of her own. Bright colors adorn her fantastical creations, from large sculptural structures and full room installations to intimate wall hangings— each distinctly Laurel True. True Mosaics Studio creates public art and commissions for cities and institutions, as well as pieces for private clients and True’s visionary fine artwork.

Throughout her years as a successful mosaic artist, Laurel has also found the time to share her talent with hundreds of students. With the growing popularity of crafts and do-it-yourself projects, Laurel’s talents as an artist and teacher are in great demand. Laurel firmly believes that one does not need to consider themselves an artist to enjoy being creative and this is the spirit with which she teaches.

Community projects are another way Laurel works with people, collaborating with them to appreciate the creativity within themselves. In Ghana, a West African country known for its amazing crafts, Laurel returns to the same village year after year to share with and become inspired by the people of Nungua. She has facilitated 7 large-scale mosaic projects with community members, and most recently brought other artists from the U.S. with her to share this cross cultural experience.

Laurel has appeared numerous times in local and national press as a featured artist, mosaic expert, and instructor. Recently, Laurel has appeared on television in the Home and Garden Channel’s “Crafters Coast to Coast”, KQED in San Francisco’s respected arts show, “Spark!”, and soon she will be featured on a new show for the DIY channel. On these appearances Laurel is able to share her passion and expertise in mosaics and her love of teaching with a wider audience, introducing us all to the artist inside of us.

Announcing Institute of Mosaic Art and Mosaic Studio Supply

Laurel True has founded Institute of Mosaic Art and Mosaic Studio Supply in Oakland, CA. Institute of Mosaic Art is the premiere mosaic school in the country providing students with all levels of classes and expert guidance from an experienced staff as well as notable visiting artists from around the world. Mosaic Studio Supply is a one-stop shop for everything mosaic—from artist supplies to books and tile galore. Institute of Mosaic Art and Mosaic Studio Supply are both housed in a 5000 square foot building that is also home to a mosaic resource library and a gallery showcasing mosaic art from around the world.

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