



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

- 2009 HGTV Superscapes
- 2008 Diablo Magazine
ABC View From the Bay
Business Times
- 2007 DIY Network, Craft Lab,
Cooking Light Magazine
San Francisco Chronicle
- 2006 Oakland Magazine
Oakland Tribune
Bonita Living Magazine
- 2005 HGTV, Double Take
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–Picaune
Crafts Report
- 2002 Channel 14 News, San Francisco, CA
- 2001 Pleasanton Daily
- 2000 American Style Magazine

Clients Include

- Marriott Hotels
- Long’s Drug Stores
- City of San Francisco
- City of Oakland
- Velocity Circus
- San Diego Children’s Hospital
- AF Evans Development
- Pulte Homes

Institute of Mosaic Art

Laurel True founded the Institute of Mosaic Art in Oakland, California in 2005. The Institute of Mosaic Art is the premier mosaic education and resource center in the United States, offering programming in the mosaic arts for beginning to professional level students. Laurel True is a lead instructor at IMA and facilitates corporate team building events, private courses and offers project consultation.



Laurel True is an artist and educator specializing mixed media, mosaic and public art. She has been brightening up the world with her unique, artistic style for 18 years. Bright colors adorn her fantastical creations, from large, sculptural structures and full-room installations to intimate wall hangings — each distinctly Laurel True. She received her BA in African Art and Cultures and has studied at Studio Arte del Mosaico in Ravenna, Italy, Parsons School of Design and the Art Institute of Chicago.

True Mosaics Studio creates public art and commissioned projects for cities and institutions, as well as for private clients. True’s visionary fine artwork has been exhibited nationally, she lectures internationally and has been featured in many books and publications.

Laurel travels widely to teach and facilitate community- based and group projects both here and abroad. Throughout her years as a successful mosaic artist, she has shared her talent and enthusiasm with thousands of students and community volunteers interested in the mosaic arts. Laurel often partners with non-profits and has led corporate team building events and group projects with as many as 500 participants at a time.

Laurel True is the founder of the Institute of Mosaic Art, in Oakland, CA where she teaches beginning to professional level mosaic courses. She maintains artistic or residential bases in California, New Orleans and in Ghana, West Africa. Laurel has been traveling to the village of Nungua on the coast of Ghana for 8 years to facilitate large-scale mosaic projects with community members and provide job training for youth. She hopes to start a mosaic training academy and build a mosaic playground there in 2010.

Laurel has appeared numerous times in local and national press and in the entertainment industry as a featured artist, mosaic expert, and instructor. 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.

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