

# Laura Van Horne

Laura Van Horne is a mixed-media artist who works in encaustic, acrylic, watercolor, ink, resin, paper and textiles. She was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and moved to Seattle, WA in 1994. Laura has participated in a number of group and solo art shows over the past 25 years. She owns Gray Sky Gallery, in the historic Pioneer District of Seattle, WA and is represented by SAM Gallery in Seattle.

All I ever wanted to do was create. Growing up in a sports-oriented household presented as quite the challenge. Rarely was there paper in the house so I had to be resourceful in finding my own supplies. Into the woods I went to collect flowers to press and later glue to scraps of wood. I used my aunt's old nail polishes to paint rocks in my backyard. Nothing was smooth and pretty, all my creations were rough and unusual. I feel this lack of art supplies had a huge hand in making me the artist I am today. I absolutely love mixed media and texture, spending much of my time experimenting with different mediums and surfaces.

My ink and resin Geode Series is packed full of color which is in contrast to the gray palate of Seattle. Gray is the perfect backdrop for these pops of color. These abstract paintings have evolved from years of experimentation with an elixir of inks, pigments, paints, and resin used on a variety of substrates. These meditative works appear organic or scientific in nature with geodes, human cells, irises and orbs coming to mind.

Resume

## EDUCATION

1998-2004 Pratt Fine Art Center, Seattle WA

1994 MS, Speech Language Pathology SUNY Plattsburgh, New York

1991 BA, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg Canada

## TEACHING

2005-present Encaustic Painting and Mixed Media Workshops

2011-2020 Art Docent Lawton Elementary

2014-present Adult and Children mixed media classes Gray Sky Gallery

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2025 Rise Up @ SAM, Seattle Art Museum Gallery, Seattle, WA

2024 Bellevue Art Fair, Seattle WA

2024 "Moving Parts" Group Show at SAM Gallery, Seattle, WA

2024 Group Show at Gray Sky Gallery, Seattle, WA

2023 *SAM Gallery 50th Anniversary, Seattle Art Museum Gallery, Seattle, WA*

2023 Seattle Art Fair, Seattle, WA

2023 Group Show at Gray Sky Gallery, Seattle, WA

2022 Group Show Cosmic Color, SAM Gallery, Seattle WA

2022 Seattle Art Fair, Seattle WA

2022 Group Show at Gray Sky Gallery, Seattle, WA

2022 Bellevue Art Fair, Seattle WA

2021 Group Show at Gray Sky Gallery, Seattle, WA

2020 Group Show at Gray Sky Gallery, Seattle, WA

2019 Group Show "Under The Influence" SAM Gallery, Seattle, WA

2019 Heritage Design in Seattle Design Center

2019 Group Show at Gray Sky Gallery, Seattle, WA

2019 Group Show "Free Radicals" SAM Gallery, Seattle, WA

2018 Solo show @ Taste Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA

2018 West Elm, featured local artist, Seattle, WA

2017 Obliteride Fundraiser Gray Sky Gallery, Seattle WA

2017 Group Show Gray Sky Gallery, Seattle WA

2017 Start Now, Seattle Art Museum Gallery, Seattle, WA

2016 Fred Hutch Fundraiser Gray Sky Gallery , Seattle, WA

2016 Fresh @ SAM, Seattle Art Museum Gallery, Seattle, WA

2016 Divergency Burien Art Gallery, Burien, WA

2016 Group Show at Threshold Gallery, Seattle, WA

2016 Group Show Gray Sky Gallery, Seattle WA

2015 Pratt Fine Arts 33rd Annual Art Auction, Seattle, WA

- 2015 Magnolia Summerfest Art Show, Seattle, WA
- 2015 West Elm, featured local artist, Seattle, WA
- 2015 Spring Group Show Gray Sky Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2014 Magnolia Summerfest Art Show, Seattle, WA
- 2014 RAW group art show, Seattle, WA
- 2012 Magnolia Summerfest Art Show, Seattle, WA
- 2002 Cacophony Group show Colorwheel Studio, Seattle, WA
- 2001 Capital Hill Painters Coop Group Show, Seattle, WA

#### **AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS**

- 2024 Fabulouswashington.com
- 2023 Mercer Island City Lifestyle
- 2022 425 Magazine
- 2020 Salann Magazine 2020
- 2019 Seattle Magazine 2019
- 2019 Salann Magazine 2019
- 2018 Circle Quarterly Art Review, Winter 2018
- 2018 Encaustic Arts, Spring 2018
- 2017 Studio Visit Magazine, Juried by George Kinghorn, Executive  
Director & Curator, University of Maine Museum of Art
- 2009 1st place Magnolia Summerfest Juried artshow.

#### **PERMANENT COLLECTIONS**

- Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA
- Fairmont Olympic Hotel, Seattle, WA
- Medical City Dallas Hospital, Dallas, TX

St. Michael Medical Center, Silverdale, WA

Encaustic Art Museum, Santa Fe, NM

Northwest Hospital Kidney Center, Seattle, WA

Sound Plastic Surgery, Seattle WA

Northwest Hospital, Primary Care Fremont Clinic, Seattle, WA

Google Offices, Kirkland, WA

Washington Athletic Club, Seattle, WA

Buchalter Law Offices, Seattle, WA

Hemlock Apartment Building

Blackbird Apartment Building

Private Collections throughout the US, Canada, & Australia

#### **GALLERIES & REPRESENTATION**

Seattle Art Museum (SAM) Gallery- Seattle, WA

Gray Sky Gallery- Seattle, WA

Third and Wall Art Group, Seattle, WA

Summit Gallery, Park City, UT



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