About The Artist

SURREALIST AMY GUIDRY DEPICTS NATURE AND HUMANITY

AT first sight of Amy Guidry's masterpieces, there is an immediate sense of a deeper meaning in her work. This undoubtedly stems from Guidry's lifelong practice of using art as a "means of communication, as well as [her] enjoyment." Guidry grew up in Slidell, La., drawing animals by the age of three. She participated in the St. Tammany Parish Talented Art Program from elementary through high school. From there, Guidry went on to study art and psychology at Loyola University New Orleans with the aid of her visual art scholarship.

During her studies, Guidry tied art and psychology together in her developing work through the study and practice of surrealism, which she described as "the grand marriage of the two." The result is a thought-provoking style and incorporation of thematic elements that are consistent in her work. "My work pertains to us all, our con-

nections with the world around us, other people, animals and nature." All of Guidry's pieces are acrylic on canvas, and some can take up to 180 hours to complete, from conceptualization to finished product.

Guidry's work has been shown locally at the Acadiana Center for the Arts, the Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum, and the Zigler Art Museum in Jennings. Additionally, she has had shows in other areas of Louisiana and out of state, under representation by Wally Workman Gallery in Austin, Texas, and the Oak Street Gallery in Hammond, La. Her collectors are sprinkled across the United States and as far away as Europe. Guidry credits her successful career to actively seeking solo exhibitions locally and out of state, along with networking and marketing her work, "learning as much as possible about the business end."

Guidry has lived in Lafayette



since graduating from Loyola. Her decision to move came after visiting Lafayette only a few times. "[I] was struck by how friendly a city it was, as well as the green space in Acadiana." When she isn't working, Guidry enjoys the 2nd Saturday ArtWalk, gallery and museum events, and taking her dog to the park or to Lake Martin. You can peruse her work from home by visiting her website, AmyGuidry.com.



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