Linda Starr

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Artist Statement

I create my paintings with an intuitive process. Nothing is planned or pre-engineered. I apply the paint on the canvas without conscious thought to subject, often rotating the canvas in different directions and looking to determine how the images will emerge. My paintings are often very sculptural, laden with texture and vibrant color, and always full of story. I use shape, patterns, and repetition to create whimsical scenes with rich tones and meaning. Much like the way a story provides setting, plot, characters, and action to elicit an emotion from the reader, I intend to do the same for the viewer through my work. Whether I'm creating icon-like imagery of strong female leaders like Ruth Bader Ginsburg or a surrealistic cityscape full of detail, I hope to energize the viewer and to provide them with that same sense of joy that I feel during the spontaneous and free process of painting. – Linda Starr

Artist Biography

New York City native Linda Starr is an artist of passion who exudes the spirit of the colorful and playful energy of her work. Her intuitive painting process is an arrival point that has been bubbling up for the artist over her multi-decade career as a painter, 10

years of which she spent in private study with Carla Re', a well know artist of New York City.

Like many self-taught artists, Linda is a tour de force with an exhibition history as diverse and robust as her passions. Linda has always had roles in which she applied her visual design skills, including her 15 years in the film industry in New York City and 10 years as a senior Visual Display Specialist designing window displays. These experiences have shaped and enriched her work as a visual artist.

Linda has a desire to push boundaries, and a quest for diverse achievements to add to her career, as is evidenced by her fervorous involvement in professional development programs and with her artist community. Since her arrival to North Carolina in 2007, Linda has been an engaged member of multiple artist groups and works to champion opportunities and make space for women artists of her age. From her icon-like paintings of strong female leaders like Ruth Bader Ginsburg, to her paintings depicting vibrant, semi-realistic settings and subjects, Linda's work exudes a confidence and energy that has culminated from a lifetime of diverse arts experiences which propel her forward in her work today.

Linda is Co-Founder of the North Carolina Women's Art Collective and a member of several art organizations. She lives in Raleigh, North Carolina with her daughter, their two beloved dogs, and a very large, spoiled, cat.

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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT

Artsplosure at the Oyster House, Residency participant, 2018.

Private painting study with artist Carla Re', student 1985 – 1995.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026	Cary Gallery of Artists, Cary, North Carolina
2025	Pure Space Gallery, Winston Salem, North Carolina
2025	Page-Walker Arts & History Center, Cary, North Carolina
2024	Rebus Works, Raleigh, North Carolina
2024	Ambleside Gallery, Greensboro, North Carolina
2023	Pure Space Gallery, Winston Salem, North Carolina
2023	Piedmont Art Museum, "Identity-Stories-Connections", Martinsville, Virginia
2021	Current Wellness Gallery, Raleigh, North Carolina
2021	Kirby Gallery, Roxboro, North Carolina
2020	Yonder, Hillsborough, North Carolina
2020	Personify, Raleigh, North Carolina
2018	Arts of the Albemarle Gallery, Elizabeth City, North Carolina

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025	Arts of the Albemarle, “SPLASH” Elizabeth City, Noryh Carolina
2024	Arts of the Albemarle, “SPLASH” Elizabeth City, North Carolina
2024	Fine Arts League of Cary, “Fabulous Fakes”, Juried Exhibition, Cary, North Carolina
2024	Fine Arts League of Cary, 29th Juried Exhibition, Cary, North Carolina
2024	Golden Belt Gallery, Juried Exhibition, Durham, North Carolina
2023	Arts of the Albemarle Gallery, Elizabeth City, North Carolina
2023	Waterworks Visual Art Center, Juried Exhibition, “I Am” Salisbury, North Carolina
2023	Diamante Arts and Cultural Center “BARA BARA”, Raleigh, North Carolina
2022	Cameron Art Museum, “State of The Art”, Wilmington, North Carolina
2022	River Splash, Elizabeth City, North Carolina
2022	Ellington-White Contemporary Gallery, “Feminist Insight” National Juried Exhibition, Fayetteville, North Carolina
2022	The Mayton, Juried Exhibition, Cary, North Carolina
2020	Fine Arts League of Cary, “Members Show”, Cary, North Carolina
2020	311 Gallery, Raleigh, North Carolina
2020	Pleiades Arts, “Truth to Power 8”, Juried Exhibition, Durham, North Carolina
2020	Golden Belt Gallery, “Reawakening”, Juried Exhibition, Durham, North Carolina
2019	Page Walker Arts Center, “Fine Arts League of Cary Members Show, Cary, North Carolina
2019	Litmus Gallery and Studios, “Anything Goes,” Juried Exhibition, Raleigh, North Carolina
2019	Pleiades Gallery, “Truth to Power 7,” Juried Exhibition, Durham, North Carolina

2019	The Carrack Modern Art Gallery, “Rupture/Rapture/Resolution,” Durham, North Carolina
2019	Hillsborough Gallery of Arts, “Resolutions,” Juried Exhibition, Hillsborough, North Carolina
2019	Florence Thomas Art School, “Mountain Splash”, West Jefferson. North Carolina
2018	Town of Carrboro, “Carrboro Town Hall Exhibition,” Town Hall, Carrboro, North Carolina
2018	Litmus Gallery and Studios, “Anything Goes,” Juried Exhibition, Raleigh, North Carolina
2018	Arts of the Albemarle Gallery, “Splash,” Artist in Residence, Elizabeth City North Carolina
2018	Imurj Gallery, “Oyster House Residency,” Raleigh, North Carolina
2018	Chowan Arts Council, “Easels in the Garden,” Edenton, North Carolina
2018	Imurj Gallery, Unchained,” Juried Exhibition, Raleigh, North Carolina
2018	Litmus Gallery and Studios, “Art to be Treasured,” Juried Exhibition, Raleigh, North Carolina
2018	Tipping Paint Gallery, “Pick Two,” Juried Exhibition, Raleigh, North Carolina
2017	Joslin Garden, “Joslin House Tea Party,” Raleigh, North Carolina
2017	Litmus Gallery and Studios, “Petcasso: Animals in Art,” Juried Exhibition, Raleigh, North Carolina
2016	Visual Art Exchange, “Humor Me,” Juried Exhibition, Raleigh, North Carolina
2016	Contemporary Art Museum, “Camstellation,” Raleigh, North Carolina
2016	Tipping Paint Gallery, “Eggistentialism 2.0,” Juried Exhibition, Raleigh, North Carolina
2016	Duke University Hospital, “37th Duke Employee Art Show,” Arts and Health Galleries, Durham, North Carolina
2016	Cary Art Center, Fine Arts League of Cary, “Fabulous Fakes,” Juried Exhibition, Cary, North Carolina
2014	Tipping Paint Gallery, “Eggistentialism,” Juried Exhibition, Raleigh, North Carolina
2014	Visual Art Exchange, “Open Source,” Raleigh, North Carolina

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Grant Recipient, "Professional Development Grant for Artists," United Arts Council, Raleigh, North Carolina 2019

Grant Recipient, "Professional Development Grant for Artists," United Arts Council, Raleigh, North Carolina 2024

Merit Award, Juried Exhibition, Litmus Gallery and Studios, "Anything Goes," Raleigh, North Carolina 2019

People's Choice Award, Juried Exhibition, Tipping Paint Gallery," The Color Red," Raleigh, North Carolina 2018

Best in Show, Juried Exhibition, Litmus Gallery and Studios, "Transitivity," Raleigh, North Carolina. 2018

TEACHING ARTIST EXPERIENCES

2019	Art Instructor/Facilitator, "Art off the Mat," Pink Ribbon Yoga Retreat, Cary, North Carolina
2018	Art Instructor/Facilitator, "Art off the Mat," Pink Ribbon Yoga Retreat, Cary, North Carolina
2012	Instructor, weekly classes, Grumbacher Arts, Michael's, Knightdale, North Carolina
2011	Teaching Artist, "One-Fold at a Time," Artists in the Schools Program, United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, Raleigh, North Carolina
2009	Art Facilitator (2009-2012), Casting for Recovery Retreat, Asheville, North Carolina

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

North Carolina Women's Art Collective, Co-Founder.
Visual Art Exchange
Fine Arts League of Cary
Contemporary Art Museum, Urban Sketchers