

# Ann Dergara



*“And what is art... except a way to express ourselves when our thoughts and feelings catch in our throats and fail to transfer into a sound that is heard.”*

*– Ann Dergara*

The enthusiasm with which Ann Dergara approaches her art is a lifelong passion. Born to Norwegian-German parents who recognized and nurtured her creative abilities, the Greenville, South Carolina native sold her first painting five years prior to beginning her formal education at Georgia State University. In 1978, a printmaking course at Atlanta College of Art led her to Dick Williams and the innovative and contemporary Odyssey Studio. The artist pursued the etching and the collagraph, later the serigraph, and in 1990 began monoprinting. Her mastery of the art of print making is described as remarkable. Yet painting remains Dergara’s first love, and a vibrant testament to her profound talent. Santiago Leon of ARTEFINO speaks for many admirers that Ann’s work is typical of an artist assured of her own talent; it is unconstrained, blending great skill and maturity with the free spirit of a child.

Dergara is intent on achieving the original, the unique, the different - but only as it celebrates what is positive and beautiful. Her brilliant use of color expresses her passionate respect for the harmony of nature - a recurring theme in a body of work that brings her growing, international acclaim.

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## Education

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA  
Atlanta College of Art, Atlanta, GA  
Southeastern Center for the Arts

## Professional Activities

1964 New York - Engraving Curator  
1967-69 Lompoc, CA - Painting Instructor  
1969 California - Designed and executed 10 murals at the Vanderberg AFB Hospital  
1970 Began the Fine Art Program for Cobb County Board of Education  
1972-73 Florida Gulf Coast Art Center, Clearwater, FL - Painting instructor  
1974-77 Cobb County Adult Education Program - Painting instructor  
1978 Full time painter, printer and publisher  
1982 Created L'arc En Ciel Editions

## Exhibitions (partial listing)

1979 The Gallerie Kloster Muchle, Oldenberg, West Germany  
Kinsrhalle-Bremehaven, West Germany  
German Senate Hall, Bonn West Germany  
Marietta Fine Art Center, Marietta, GA  
1972 Florida Gulf Coast Art Center, Clearwater, FL  
1980 Krakins Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
1981 R.J.K. Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
1982 Gallery Sanguine, LaRochelle, France  
Georgia Artists Show, Callanwolde, Atlanta, GA  
Ruzzoli's- Omni International, Atlanta, GA  
"Salute to Women in the Arts" Atlanta, GA  
1983 Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA  
Laguana Gloria, Austin, Texas  
1983-1990 New York International Exposition  
1979-1983 Atlanta's Arts Festival  
1984 20th Century Gallery, Williamsburg, VA  
1985 FICA, Paris, France  
1986-87 Reiss Gallery, Denver, CO  
1988 Yosumi, Tokyo, Japan  
1990 Art Expo, Los Angeles, CA  
1990-2003 Abstein Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
1991 Artefino Gallery, Charlotte, NC  
1993 Musée de Montaut, Chalosse, France  
1983-2003 Art Expo, New York, NY  
1997 Monothon at College of Sante Fe, NM  
High Museum of Art, Studio Tour, Atlanta, GA  
2001-2003 Mixed Emotions, Houston, Texas  
2004 Otpecharki/Prints, Russia  
2005- Watson Gallery, Atlanta, GA

## Motion Pictures

Raw Deal  
Loose Cannons

## Television

L.A.Law  
General Hospital

## Collections (partial listing)

Lucine Amara, New York, NY  
Ms. Inge' Wollenstak, Fruedenstadt, Germany  
American Embassy, Pretoria', South Africa  
Coronet Carpet Corp., Dalton, GA  
Hertz Corp., New York, NY  
Mattel Electronics, New York, NY  
Phillip Morris Collection  
Gulf Oil Corp., Houston, Texas  
Bell-Atlantic  
U.S. Embassy, Lome, Togo, Africa  
NationsBank, NC, GA, & FL  
Cox Communications, Atlanta, GA  
Diamond International Corp., Cincinnati, OH  
United Airlines, Chicago, IL  
IBM Corp., New York, NY  
American Airlines, Dallas, TX  
Delta Airlines, Atlanta, GA

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Editions Limited, San Francisco, CA

## Museums

Karelia Museum, Russia  
Marietta-Cobb Museum, Marietta, GA  
Musée de Montaut, Chalosse, France

## Galleries (partial listing)

Galleria 55, Mexico City, Mexico  
Gallery Sanguine, LaRochelle, France  
Liberty Art, Stockholm, Sweden  
Shorewood, Tokyo, Japan  
Nan Miller, Rochester, NY  
Watson Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
Mixed Emotions Houston, TX  
Soho-Myriad, Atlanta, GA  
Wyndey Moorehead, New Orleans, LA  
Billy Horke, Chicago, IL  
Indigo Gallery, Ft. Collins, CO  
Red Wolf Gallery, Brevard, NC

*Ann Derfara*