

Clare Hirn fine art paintings and murals

Louisville, KY

Select Commissions, Exhibits, and Grants

Ongoing	Clare Hirn Studio and exhibition space since 2006
2025	Guest artist at Couch Potato inaugural show and multiple other regional group shows Oversaw 3 rd year of Curate Purchase Inspire projects installed in community non-profit organizations
2024	“Coalesce” painting is placed in UofL President’s office ArtPortal group show, invitational Maybe It’s Fate, Let’s Start with Beauty, invitational SNAP and Ladies’ Room, Chromophobia, invitational Louisville Visual Art, 2024 Ohio Valley Biennial, juried Nowhere Else, Invitational Kore Gallery, Annual Black & White Show, juried Oversaw 2 nd year of Curate Purchase Inspire projects installed in community non-profit organizations
2022	Watersteps Benefit, Invitational Show, SNAP Project space Conceived of and collaborated with Louisville Visual Art to bring the Curate Purchase Inspire program to life Community Impact Award, Louisville Visual Art, in recognition of Curate Purchase Inspire program
2019	Kore Gallery, Years of Chaos (Political Show), juried
2018	Norton Cancer Institute – Brownsboro, reception lobby mural “We All Reflect”, 7’ x 5’
2012 - 2018	UK Chandler Hospital/ Kentucky Children’s Hospital, UK Good Samaritan Hospital: multiple large scale murals and installation
2017	Artist-in-residence, Rancho Linda Vista, Oracle, AZ
2016	Earth, Sky, River – Louisville Metro Hall Rotunda, large painting exhibit, January 18 – June 17
2016	Featured January Member Artist Louisville Visual Art

2015	Kroger Murals: Louisville Highlands and Springhurst stores.
2014	October Featured Artist, Kentucky Arts Council
2013	Juried into Architectural Artists Directory, Kentucky Arts Council
2010	Waterfront Park Place, pool entrance hall mural
2009, 2010	Kentucky Foundation for Women Art Meets Activism grant recipient
2009	UofL Health Care Outpatient Center, awarded lobby mural commission through competition
2004	Waterfront Park Place commissioned public lobby murals
2001	Third one-person show, <i>Plein Air & Water: Ohio River Series</i> , Yvonne Rapp Gallery, Louisville, KY
2000	Kentucky Foundation for Women special initiative grant review panelist
1998	Kentucky Foundation for Women Individual Artist grant recipient
1986 – present	Local, regional and national juried and invitational shows and awards include: Kaviar Forge and Gallery, Bernheim Forest, The Green Building, Ground Floor Gallery, Target Gallery of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Louisville Visual Art, Lexington Art League, Evansville Museum, Huntington Museum of Art, Massillon Museum of Art, New York Academy of Art, Union League, NY

Collections

Murals and fine art paintings owned by the UofL President's Office, Brown-Forman Corporation, PNC Tower (Pittsburgh), Waterfront Park Place, Norton Healthcare, UK Chandler Hospital, UK Good Samaritan Hospital, UofL Healthcare, Stites & Harbison PLLC, and other businesses and private collectors

Interior murals and paintings in private, corporate, and public spaces, illustrations and portraiture

Repeat clients/collectors include Brown-Forman, UK Chandler Hospital, UofL, and Waterfront Park Place

Publications

Paintings or illustrations in *The New York Times* (front page illustration of Abiocoartificial heart), multiple editions of *The Courier-Journal* of Louisville, KY and *Welcome Home* magazine (feature profile of the artist), *Women's Day Magazine*, the books *Behind Closed Doors* vols. 1 and 2, *Kentucky Homes and Gardens*, *L is for Louisville*, and others

Awards, Teaching and special projects

- 2025-2022 Successfully launching the annual installations of Curate Purchase Inspire (a 10-year financial commitment)

- 2022 Community Impact Award, Louisville Visual Art, in recognition of conceiving, facilitating, and financing the original and innovative fellowship program, Curate Purchase Inspire, in collaboration with LVA

- 2016 Recognized as a “Distinguished Citizen” by the city of Louisville

- 1998-2015 Contracted scenic painter for Louisville Ballet, Stage One, Iroquois Amphitheatre, Kentucky Center for the Arts

- 2009-2014 Co-developer, *Art for Health*

- 1999-present Participation in various community art-based programs
 Painting and drawing instruction including KMAC, Louisville Visual Art, and Kentucky Governor’s School for the Arts

- 1990-91 Modeworks, mural painting and design, New York, NY

Education and Scholastic Honors

- 1990 The Graduate School of Figurative Art at The New York Academy of Art, New York, NY. Masters of Fine Art, Painting and Drawing. Andy Warhol Scholarship.

- 1986 Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. Bachelor of Arts with High Distinction, College of Arts and Sciences. Departmental Honors, Individualized Major Program: visual arts/biological sciences

- 1985 Phi Beta Kappa
 Ruth N. Hall Scholarship Award, Fine Arts, Indiana University

Clare Hirn resides in Louisville, KY with her husband, writer David Henry. Their two children, an architect and aspiring media artist, reside in New York City.

Clare Hirn bio

Clare Hirn, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, received her undergraduate degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, and her MFA in painting and drawing from the New York Academy of Art - Graduate School of Figurative Art.

After graduating in 1990, Hirn worked for a mural design firm in NYC, learning the techniques of working large scale. She returned to Louisville in the mid-90's and has participated and received awards in many regional shows, has had one-person gallery shows, and regularly exhibits work from her studio. Her paintings and murals are in many private, public, and cooperate spaces, and have appeared in numerous publications, including a medical illustration on the front page of *The New York Times*. While much of her commissioned work is large in scale, she produces work of all sizes and in different media.

Murals in public spaces include:

- "Where the Sycamore Resides," installed in the entrance to the Kentucky Children's hospital in UK Chandler Hospital.
- "Integral Spaces," a four-panel mixed-media piece installed in the patient drop-off lobby of UofL Physicians Outpatient Center.
- Waterfront Park Place lobby. These Ohio River themed paintings are some of her earliest large-scale murals where she explored working paint over a charcoal underdrawing.
- The Highlands Kroger and Springhurst Kroger
- "We All Reflect" Norton Cancer Institute, main lobby

January – June, 2016 Three of Hirn's large-scale paintings were on view in the Louisville Metro Hall Rotunda.

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