

Natalie Blake and Cynthia Parker-Houghton in the Vermont studio with a 15' tree in the carving stage of the production process

The Natalie Blake Studios artistic team has extensive experience creating large-scale murals for public installations. For over a decade, we have placed work in more than 50 institutions, from college campuses, inner city housing developments, to cancer research centers. Our imagery can be classic or contemporary, abstract or narrative, creating visual images that respond to a community's history and culture. Our work has been selected for its place-making attributes and for its ability to bring the healing power of art to public spaces.

NBS's approach to creating public art installations reflects our deep commitment to community, and our sensitivity in interpreting the social, environmental and historical contexts of a region. We are seasoned listeners highly experienced at collaborating with design committees, community members and mentors to design artwork that is uniquely reflective of the space.

Our studio in Brattleboro, Vermont has a production schedule built around custom designed murals for corporate designers, art consultants, arts commissions, galleries, and homeowners. We have a fine-tuned process that works closely with clientele while carefully managing the tight production timeline and budget guidelines. As our extensive resume shows, Natalie Blake Studios has an excellent track record for completing, delivering, and installing large scale projects on time, within budget, and to specifications.

Our on-staff installation team is experienced with all levels of the technical and engineering coordination needed for a complex and successfully installed project. We understand the importance of working with all stakeholders and successfully coordinating with a wide range of technical, financial, and artistic demands.



20' x 6' Narrative map of regional wildlife and plants, Yukon-Kuskowim Health Center, Bethel, AK

# **Selected Installations**

#### **Public Art Awards**

- 2021 Eastside Regional Command Center, El Paso, TX \$125,000
- 2019 Yukon-Kuskowim Health Center, Bethel, AK, \$80,000
- 2017 Rhode Island Fire Academy, RI Council on the Arts, Exeter, RI \$22,000
- 2014 Service High School, Public Works Department Municipality of Anchorage, AK \$100,000
- 2013 Trio at ENCORE!®, Friends of Tampa Public Art Foundation, Tampa, FL \$80,000
- 2012 Chabot College, Hayward, CA \$200,000

## Selection of Privately Funded Public Art, 2010 - Present

- Qatar Hotel, Lusail District, Qatar \$215,000
- English Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI \$60,000
- Jewish Family Services, Houston, TX \$35,000
- Cocowalk, mixed-used development, Miami, FL \$30,000
- Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community, Pleasanton, CA \$30,000
- Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Hollywood, CA \$25,000
- Fountaindale Public Library, Boilingbrook, IL \$25,000
- 1706 Rittenhouse Square Condos, Philadelphia, PA \$22,000
- B'nai Israel, Gainesville, FL \$15,000
- St. Peter the Apostle Church, New Brunswick, NJ \$14,000
- Pike and Rose, mixed-use development, Bethesda, MD \$12,000
- Campbell Soup Company, Corporate Headquarters, Camden, NJ \$12,000



## Selection of Healthcare Installations, 2010 - Present

- Baystate Health System, Springfield, MA, \$90,000
- Gundersen Health System, La Crosse, WI \$60,000
- McCrone Group Laboratory, Chicago, IL \$40,000
- Dartmouth Health, Lebonon, NH, \$35,000
- Mayo Clinic, multiple locations, Rochester, MN \$30,000
- Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL \$28,000
- Newhope Joint & Spine Medical, Westminster, CA \$28,000
- Kaiser Permanente, San Marcos, CA \$25,000
- Nemours/Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington, DE \$23,000
- Emory Hospital, Atlanta, GA, \$22,000
- Lee Health Coconut Point, Estero, FL \$20,000
- Mount Carmel East, Columbus, Ohio \$18,000
- Scripps Ranch Healthcare Center, CA \$18,000
- Bridgeport Hospital, Bridgeport, CT \$14,400
- Yale New Haven Hospital, Radiology Department, New Haven, CT \$12,000
- Aspire Fertility Clinic, Dallas, TX \$12,000
- Women's Crisis Center, Tulsa, OK \$12,000
- Yale New Haven Pediatric Oncology Unit, Trumbull, CT \$10,500
- The Moorings at Lewes, Memory Care Center, Lewes, DE, \$10,000
- Hospital of Providence, El Paso, TX \$10,000
- Baystate Hospital, Springfield, MA \$10,000
- Fletcher Allen Medical, Burlington, VT \$10,000
- Florida Hospital for Women, Orlando, FL \$9,000
- Yale New Haven Hospital Postpartum Unit, CT \$8,500
- Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, FL, \$8,000
- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Madison, WI \$7,000
- St. Cloud Hospital, Coborn Cancer Center, St. Cloud, MN \$6,500



## Biography and Resume

Natalie Blake has been a professional ceramic artist since 1994, winning many awards and recognitions in shows and exhibitions across the country. She combined creative forces with Cynthia Parker-Houghton in 2001 when they developed their line of sculptural wall tiles with the sgraffito method of carving. Together, they share a passion for the energetic flow of natural forms and are dedicated to crafting inspired and enduring ceramic art forms.

#### Natalie Blake, Owner and Artist

BFA in Painting and Ceramics, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH, 1992

Fellow, Thomas J. Watson, Ceramics In Indonesia, Korea, India and Nepal, 1993

### Cynthia Parker-Houghton, Lead Designer

MFA, Visual Art, Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, 2001

Post Baccalaureate Studies in Sculpture, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, 1995

BA, Art and Human Development, Earlham College, Richmond, IN, 1994









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