

## **Cathy Dorris: Guest Instructor**

Cathy is a versatile mixed media artist and illustrator who draws inspiration from global travels, incorporating diverse mediums such as raw elements and cultural artifacts into her creations.

Mentored by philosophy of Asian art teachers, she seamlessly integrates principles of balance, space, and shape into her work, which spans over 4 decades.

In 2000, she established Cathy Dorris Studios in Southern Oregon, evolving into the eclectic Kindred Spirits gallery and wine bar. Her repertoire includes therapeutic art, mixed media painting, Japanese Sumi-e, sculpture, assemblage, jewelry, and illustration.

With a rich exhibition history across the Northwest, Cathy's art has been featured in magazines, children's books, and corporate collections throughout the West Coast.

Passionate about art education, she has taught in public schools, conducted workshops for various demographics, and collaborated with renowned retreats like "Art and Soul Retreats" and "Art is You Retreats."

Beyond her artistic pursuits, Cathy has nurtured a lifelong love for percussion, playing with bands spanning diverse genres alongside her engagements with the Rogue Valley Symphony during her tenure from 1972 to 1975 at Southern Oregon University, where she studied Art in Marketing.