

# Irina Zaytceva



Irina Zaytceva was born in Moscow in 1957. She graduated from Moscow Art Institute ( Poljgrafichesky) with an MFA in book illustration. Having illustrated a number of children books, she found porcelain by chance; a friend had given her a piece of clay, which prompted her to experiment with the new media and fell in love with it. Fine porcelain is a perfect canvas for her drawings, and with the ability to bend her "canvas," she can add sculptural elements to the picture. Someone called this hybrid media narrative sculpture, a term Irina thinks aptly describes her work. Never formally trained in ceramics, Irina had to invent ways to handle it. Unlike many of her colleagues who paint with oil based colors, she uses water based colors and has developed her own techniques in this media. She does not use casting but hand rolls her vases, cups, and, sculptures. With every piece porcelain yields its secrets to her. Since 1998, Irina resides in USA and presently have her studio near Princeton, New Jersey.



## Education

1982 MFA, Art Institute of Moscow, Russia

## Selected Exhibitions

- 2019 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery  
Art Market Hamptons, Duane Reed Gallery  
Art Market San Francisco, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2018 CONTEXT Miami, Duane Reed Gallery  
SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery  
Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO  
Art Market San Francisco, Duane Reed Gallery  
Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
- 2017 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery  
Art Aspen, Duane Reed Gallery  
Art Market San Francisco, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2016 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery  
Art Aspen, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2015 SOFA Chicago, Tansey Contemporary  
Tansey Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM  
California Conference for Advancement of  
Ceramic Arts, Davis, CA
- 2014 SOFA Chicago, Tansey Contemporary  
Art Palm Beach, Tansey Contemporary
- 2013 Tansey Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM  
SOFA Chicago, Jane Sauer Gallery

## Selected Public Collections

- Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI
- Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
- Fine Art Museum of San Francisco, CA
- Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia
- University of Michigan Art Museum, Ann Arbor, MI

## Awards

- 2006 Art Fellowship Grant from State of NJ
- 2001 NICHE Award, Category Teapots, the Rosen Group
- 2001 Award of Merit, "Gasparilla Art Festival", Tampa, FL
- 2000 Award of Honor, "Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival"  
, Pensacola, FL