

Kelly Roth

Graduating with an Art Education degree from Indiana State University, I am now a ceramics and sculpture teacher at the high school level and am in my 20th year of teaching. Creating has long been a passion of mine as I worked through many studies: printmaking, sculpture, drawing, painting and ceramics. Having now the ability to inspire others with what I can teach them or with my own artwork makes for a very fulfilling professional and personal career.

My concentration lies in throwing and hand-building a variety of functional vessels/forms. These vessels provide me with a beautiful, smooth surface which becomes my canvas for drawing with intuitive and active markings that give me the shapes for painting bold designs. It is later that things appear to me within the designs and I work with underglaze pencil to enhance them. My process and style evolved from my love of many abstract expressionism artists. I've long admired the bold colors, active lines and energy attributed to that troupe of artists who freed themselves from the formal constraints of what art is 'supposed' to look like. I find that using intuition instead of a plan, scribbling quickly instead of thinking it through, gives me the most satisfaction and helps me give a work the freedom, energy and action it is begging for. Though I have goals and intentions for my outcomes, I also do truly enjoy the opportunity to give a viewer license to perceive what they want to within my work and respond to it.