

# JIMPSIE AYRES

A Memphis native, Jimpsie began her career as a stained glass artist and muralist while living in California and Florida. Her later work as a painter of textiles earned her a listing in *Who's Who in California*. Since returning to Memphis, she has been exhibiting her work around the region, both at commercial galleries and at independent venues. Most recently, her love of the Southern landscape has led her to the discipline of *plein aire* painting.

*My hope is to paint sincerely and gratefully and to engender a response to non-verbal truth that will take the viewer beyond the confines of his or her everyday existence. At the end of the day, so to speak, the primary circumstance that draws me to work in paint is the versatility and potential of the medium itself and the ever-changing nature of the challenges it presents.*  
- Jimpsie Ayres



## Select Exhibitions

Finding Place [duo], L Ross Gallery, Memphis, TN, 2021  
Learning to be Astonished, Dixon Gallery & Gardens, Memphis, TN, 2021  
HELLO, my name is... Artist, Juried Group Exhibition, L Ross Gallery, Memphis, TN, 2019  
What We Saw [duo], Arkansas State University Mid-South, West Memphis, AR, 2019  
Women at Prayer, Episcopal Church & the Visual Arts, 2014  
Of the Heart, Episcopal Church & the Visual Arts, 2013  
Seasons, Juried Exhibition, Town of Collierville, Collierville, TN, 2012  
Unveil Downtown, third prize winner, Memphis, TN, 2012  
13th Annual Online Judeo-Christian International Art Exhibition, Upstream People Gallery, 2011  
Featured on the Episcopal Cafe website, February 2011  
Arkansas Arts Center, 52nd Annual Delta Exhibition, Little Rock, AR, 2010  
St. Elisabeth's Art Exhibit, Memphis, TN, 2009  
Women's Foundation of Memphis, Tribute Artist, Memphis, TN, 2008  
Grace-St. Luke's Church Art & Soul Festival, Memphis, TN 2006  
Featured artist in *At Home in Memphis* magazine, June 2002

## Community Involvement

Juror, River Arts Festival Memphis, 2010-present  
Board of Directors, Delta Arts Council, 2014-2018  
River Arts Festival, 'Arts in the Making' master classes, 2011, 2012 and 2014  
Artist Representing Grace-St. Luke's Church, Episcopal Diocesan Convention, 2011  
Festival Artist, River Arts Festival Memphis, TN, 2010

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