

Tao LaBossiere

Founder and Lead Artist

Art of Tao LaBossiere LLC, a certified minority-owned business
with Asian heritage distinction from the State of Connecticut

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Education

Hartford Art School, University of Hartford: Illustration & Painting

Cleveland Studio of Art and Old Lyme Art Academy

Exterior Murals (partial list)

The Oneness of Being in Still Waters, 289 Asylum Street, Hartford

Bear's Smokehouse BBQ, across from Convention Center, entryway to Hartford

Bee the Change Pollinator Mural — mixed media, 224 EcoSpace, Hartford, CT

Crab Shack, J's Crabshack, Hartford, CT

Everlasting Spring in the Secret Garden, St Mary's Home, West Hartford, CT

Hartford in Graffiti, Xfinity Theater, Hartford, CT

Welcome Home, Community Mural at Scott's Jamaican Bakery, Hartford, CT

The Universe is on the Side of Justice, Community Mural, Niles Street, Hartford, CT

Interior Murals (partial list)

Hartford Public Library: Mark Twain's Aquarium, Hartford, CT

Uncas Elementary School — Interior Library Mural, Uncasville, CT

Saint Damien of Molokai Church: Four Large Saints, Windsor, CT

Wagging Tails Dog Park, interior mural, West Hartford, CT

Salute Restaurant, various interior murals, Hartford and Rocky Hill, CT

Still Hill Brewery — Large Interior Mural, Rocky Hill, CT

Pond House Café: Tribute to Elizabeth Park Rose Vine Interior Mural

Bear's Smokehouse BBQ, brand-themed fine art paintings and prints

The Place 2 Be — Interior hand-painted wall artwork, Franklin Ave, Hartford, CT

Joey Garlic's Logo Murals, Newington and Manchester locations

Playhouse on Park Mural, temporary, West Hartford, CT

Sculptures and Mixed Media Artwork (partial list)

The Avenue Concept Sculpture Lease – “Breaking Bad Habits” 7-ft cigarette butt, Providence, RI
Ongoing sculpture restoration for many cow sculpture clients (since 2000)
Custom sculpted more than 40 fiberglass Cows, Restored more than 400
WeHa Bear Fair — Lead Project Consultant on Sculpture; Designed and painted BlueBeary Bear
City of Stamford: It’s Raining Cats & Dogs sculpture project
Hartford Business Improvement District — Custom sculpted giant metal exclamation point
City of Hartford Firefighters Local 760 / Hartford Fire Dept: burnt wood/sculpted metal wall sculptures
Heirloom Flats — Exterior Mixed Media Flag Artwork, Bloomfield, CT
Real Art Ways: Odd Ball Photo Booth Sculpture Installation
City of Hartford: Candy Canines sculpture installation

Awards

2022 3rd Place, Time I Change exhibit, Dresner Gallery, Farmington, CT
2017 Catalyst Awards for Transformational Leadership, 224 EcoSpace, Hartford, CT
2008 Best in Show and 1st place, Hartford ArtSpace Oil Drum Art show, Hartford, CT
2008 1st place, 64th Annual CT Artists Exhibit, Slater Memorial Museum, Norwich, CT
2007 CT+5, 2nd Place, West Hartford Art League Open Juried Show, West Hartford, CT
2007 Tassey Walden Book Award for Emerging Illustrator

Work

Founder and Lead Artist, Art of Tao LaBossiere LLC, 1996 to Present

Certified Small Minority Business Enterprise with Asian Heritage distinction. Public Artist. Also provides commercial mural painting, illustration, and custom branded mixed-media artwork to corporate and residential clients, plus original art commissions and sculpture restoration.

Managing Co-Director, Hartford ArtSpace Gallery, 1998 to Present

Lead volunteer to support artists to produce art exhibits, create and produce art exhibits, and support nonprofit organizations to raise funds. Participate in art shows. Building community through a celebration of creativity.

Partner and Lead Visionary, Still Waters Pond LLC, 2010 to 2020

Designed property and landscape, built, and restored new gathering spaces, Art & Yoga Studio, Sunrise Yoga Platform, Waterfront Cottages, and dining areas, created outdoor sculpture trail. Designed and built a custom stone ceremony platform with embedded crystals, massive stones, and local forest moss. Maintained property and helped facilitate retreats.

Group Exhibitions (partial list)

2023

Circles, Galleries at Work Space, Manchester, CT
Member's Exhibit, Exhibit, Arts Center East
Open Studio Hartford, Hartford ArtSpace Gallery, Hartford, CT
Riff Off Rembrandt, TheaterWorks Hartford
14th Annual Art for AIDS, Hartford ArtSpace Gallery, Hartford, CT

2022

Time I Change, Dresner Gallery at Farmington Valley Art Center, Farmington, CT
Perspectives of Our World, Galleries at Work Space, Manchester, CT
Blue & Yellow Art for Ukraine, Hartford, CT
Circles juried exhibit, Noah Webster Library
Picking Up the Pieces, Curated Exhibit, Galleries at WorkSpace, Manchester, CT
UN+ART-5, Hartford ArtSpace Gallery, Hartford, CT
The Art of Recovery, Galleries at Work Space, Manchester, CT
13th Annual Art for AIDS, Hartford ArtSpace Gallery, Hartford, CT

2004-2021

Annual Art for AIDS, Hartford ArtSpace Gallery
Annual Hartford Open Studio Weekend
Art for the Open Heart Fundraiser
West Hartford Art League, Bus Shelter Project
Tarot Exhibit for Dawn Manogue
Connecticut Women Artists 82nd Annual Open Juried Show
Scarlet: Art for the Heart Group Exhibit
Goodwin College: 20th Annual Exhibit of the National Arts Program
Artwell Gallery: Dreams & Nightmares
Strength In Art: Group Show
First Annual Pilgrim Furniture Chair Affair
48 Hours of Art: First night site-specific installation
Bradley International Airport: Oil Drum Art Group Show
Bestia Phasmatis Group Show
Over the Barrel: Oil Drum Art
[un+art]-3, un-juried, uncensored group exhibit
Mac650 Gallery: ReArt Exhibit
Smorgasbord, group show
[un+art], un-juried, uncensored group exhibit

[un+art]-2, un-juried, uncensored group exhibit
Dumbo Improvement District (DID) Art Gallery, Brooklyn: Oil Drum Art
Farmington Valley Arts Center, "Interpretations & Inspirations" Open Juried Show
Guerrilla Mail Art Project, Brooklyn, NY
Open Doors of Milford, charity auction
New Haven Open Studio Alternative Spaces exhibit: Oil Drum Art
Real Art Ways: real pARTy contributor
Arts Council International Mail Art, New Haven, CT
Barnum Museum: Oil Drum Art
Art Under the Big Top, Circus Sideshow Group Spectacular
Hygienic Art XXIX - Salon des Independants
Real Art Ways: real pARTy contributor
Slater Memorial Museum: 64th Annual Juried Show
West Hartford Art League: Open Juried Show
Bristol Carousel Museum: Oil Drum Art
Hartford ArtSpace Gallery: Community Show
Real Art Ways: real pARTy contributor
Waterbury Palace: First Greater Waterbury Artist Exhibition
Artwell Gallery: 3rd Annual Open Juried Show
Citywide Open Studio New Haven: Oil Drum Art
Hartford ArtSpace Gallery Oil Drum Art
Newington Waterfall Festival: Chalk Walk
Stamford UConn Art Gallery: Oil Drum Art
Valley Arts Council, Derby Days: Oil Drum Art
New Haven Festival of Arts & Ideas: Oil Drum Art

References available upon request