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Leah (Anne) McCall is employed as an artist in the Shreveport/Bossier region of Louisiana.

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Leah (Anne) McCall was born in Shreveport, La November 24, 1969. She began creating art as a little girl. Her late Uncle Stanley Sakovich was an artist in New Orleans, teaching at private schools in New Orleans, and was well-known for designing floats during Carnival/Mardi Gras. He began teaching Leah how to draw and color with pencils and crayons as a child. Leah put art aside to further her career as an assessment counselor in psychology. In 1994 her life was interrupted with a tragedy when her fiancé was shot and killed. Five years later Leah was living in Baton Rouge, La where she learned how to process her grief to artwork. She was able to sell all but one of her pieces in which she keeps reminding herself of the journey. She went to graduate school and earned an MA in Education. She taught for 7 years in North Louisiana until Co-vid. Leah decided to return to art. She began working with acrylics. The first festival she entered was the Red River Revel in 2022 and 2023. She loves participating in the small pop-up markets and Highland Jazz Festival locally. Leah also loves attending the larger art markets in Houston: Art in the Park, the Sienna Art Festival, Sugarland, Pecan Art Festival. She has been to markets in Natchitoches, Baton Rouge, and Breaux Bridge, LA. She loves to create her abstracts using palo santo (holy wood), blessed holy water from church, and acrylics. She also uses these in her wildlife series. Leah currently lives in Bossier City, happily married to William McCall. Her work is heavily influenced by spiritualism. She is a true believer in the Lord. According to Leah. "Each of my pieces represents a piece of me. I literally scrape out the insides of my inner being when I create my work with my emotions. It is like cleaning my soul and expressing it on canvas. I begin each canvas by burning palo santo, dipping it in holy water, and signing my name to the canvas. Then I paint the gesso onto the canvas.":

**Education**

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| 1988-1994  | LSUS Bachelor of Science in Psychology |
| 2009-2013 | Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education |
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**Visual Arts Festivals**
Red River Revel in Shreveport La 2022 and 2023
Seinna Art Festival in Houston 2023
Baton Rouge Farmers Market 2023
East Bank Spring Market 2023
Magnolia Plantation Art Festival 2024
Sugarland Art Festival in Houston 2024 and 2025
Spring Art in the Park Houston 2024
Breaux Bridge Christmas Arts Market 2024
East Bank Christmas Market 2024

**Art Shows**
Critical Mass Art Space 2023.2024, 2025
Bossier Arts Council Sensory Art Show 2023
Sensory Show Highland Center October-December 2024
Bossier Arts Council Duality 2025

**Work is Displayed**
Noble Savage Bar and Restaurant in Downtown Shreveport
Houston Bar and Restaurant in Market Square Tower and Brava
Uniquely Yours in Shreveport
Fultz Physical Therapy in Shreveport
Bossier Arts Council for Duality show
Critical Mass 13

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