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"KOOL KITCHENS" at Infinity Gallery



Clay Squared to Infinity, 34 Thirteenth Ave. NE, Minneapolis, MN

Opening reception with the artists: Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th, Noon-4pm

Gallery Show runs: May 2nd through June 26th, 2005

Clay Squared to Infinity hours: Monday through Saturday, 11am - 5pm,

Sunday noon-4pm

Admission is FREE.

Infinity Gallery at Clay Squared to Infinity announces "Kool Kitchens" a gallery show of kitchen backsplash designs made from handmade art tile. Clay Squared has invited six of its most prominent handmade tile artists to rise to the challenge of creating a unique art-tile backsplash design. These six were hand picked not only for their vast differences in style, but also for their professional expertise in creating customer-specific home installations.



Sheryl Tuorila

Sheryl Tuorila and Josh Blanc are both permanently based at Clay Squared's in-house studio. Tuorila is Clay Squared's resident mosaic instructor. Her current body of work - dubbed "Zen" tiles - are made from extruded clay that has been hand cut before glazing and firing. She sets the organic-shaped mosaic pieces in mortar in an order that from a distance resembles a flowing stream of color. Blanc, on the other hand works almost solely in square tile. His "cosmic" imagery is formed in his painterly glazing process. Explosions of color that carry from one tile to the next are caused by the reactions between glazes when fired in the kiln.



Josh Blanc



North Prairie Tileworks

Doug DeSanto and North Prairie Tileworks are two of Clay Squared's 'genre' favorites. North Prairie Tileworks uses not-so-modern technology to create true Prairie Style Arts and Crafts tiles. Besides their historic reproductions, their original opaque glaze colors, slightly varied from the hand-glazing process, have an authentic feel that fits most gracefully in Arts and Crafts style homes. DeSanto creates tiles based on the look of ancient Italian and other European techniques. He is inspired by the ceramic arts of Pompeii, Morocco, Portugal and Spain. The old-world look of DeSanto's tile creates the perfect backdrop for the oversized pot of spaghetti sauce simmering on one's stove.

Somi Tileworks, too, can create the look of the European-style family dining. Their ceramic tiles contain high-relief imagery made from press-molds. A bunch of grapes, a flower, dragonfly or turtle - just about any personal symbol you desire is possible with these whimsical images baked in clay.

We round out the variety with tiles not made from ceramic at all, but rather from glass.

FK Art Glass creates tiles from fused and cast solid glass in more than 100 different colors. Intermingled with ceramic or spread across an entire wall, these unique glass pieces can add sparkle to an otherwise sparse modern kitchen design.

Let's face it. At the end of a successful dinner party, everyone inevitably ends up in the kitchen. Why not have your finest piece of art already installed there - ready to leave your guests with a lasting artistic impression.



Somi Tileworks

For more information on Infinity Gallery exhibitions, contact Clay Squared to Infinity at 612-781-6409 or josh@claysquared.com.

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