

# Lora Murphy

## International Encaustic Artists 2022 La Vendéenne Awards Outstanding Contribution

Lora Murphy's impact on the world community of artists and the introduction to encaustic has been truly extraordinary.

When the pandemic brought all in-person instruction to a full stop and left artists and teachers stranded in their studios, Lora created the online *Painting with Fire* encaustic masterclass and single-handedly raised the profile of encaustic instructors while providing significant financial support for the School at Mulranny. In the past year, 2000 students have joined this wonderful program along with 26 of the best encaustic teachers in the world!

Lora is continuing Essence of Mulranny's programming and the online 2022/23 *Painting with Fire* program started in April 2022.

To learn more about this amazing program, go to:  
[www.essenceofmulranny.com](http://www.essenceofmulranny.com)

Lora Murphy was born in Ireland and educated in Ireland, U.S., and Italy. Trained as an oil painter, she now works primarily in Encaustic and mixed media. Lora teaches workshops in contemporary portraiture in encaustic throughout the world and online.

In 2018, Lora became the Director of the Essence of Mulranny Art School in Mulranny Co Mayo on the wild west coast of Ireland. Here she has developed an international program and brought together teachers and students from all over the world.

Lora brings a warm, personal touch to her role as Director and in all her actions she demonstrates a philosophy of professional cooperation – not competition – among artists. She has enhanced knowledge, passion and pride for encaustic as a fine art among students and instructors at all stages of their artistic careers.

*The Gift, Lora Murphy demo  
ConVergence - Wax on the Water - April 2022*



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