

## Sterenn Raoul Bio

Sterenn Raoul is an illustrator and muralist who translates her environment — the wild beauty of nature and the stories walking down her sidewalk, the imaginations of her children and the fairytales that infused her own childhood — into artwork that's both whimsical and accessible.

Born in Reims, France with deep roots in Brittany, she spent her early years in Africa before moving with her family to Washington, D.C. when she was six years old.

It was shortly after the move to D.C. that her mother saw Sterenn struggling with their new culture and her new school. Knowing her daughter's deep love of art - even at such a young age - she sought an outlet for her and was introduced to Lois L. Gray who ran an art studio from the basement of her Crestwood neighborhood home. The only child in a room full of adult artists, Sterenn thrived under Gray's mentorship and continued to study with her for the next ten years.

"I was able to take a deep breath there and be happy," Sterenn says of the experience, "It helped turn a really difficult situation into something that would propel and empower me the rest of my life."

At 17, Sterenn returned to France and spent a year studying in a Parisian studio near St. Germain Des Pres before joining the prestigious Ecole Boule where she graduated with a degree in Interior Design.

She followed up her professional education by training with famous french mural artist Yannick Gueguan and then matriculated at the Palm Fine Arts in Sweden.

During this time, she produced major artworks such as decorated ceilings, interior pool décor and murals in restaurants for private clients.

For several years, Sterenn split her time between France and the U.S. In 2012, she moved to Seattle and then settled in L.A., where she's primarily focused on watercolor and colored pencil techniques (though, she's quick to note, her brushes are never too far away).

Most recently she showed her work in Huntington Beach, Pasadena, with a show coming up in Newport Beach. You can contact her for event information, commissions and pricing lists at [www.sterennraoul.com](http://www.sterennraoul.com). She lives in Long Beach, California with her husband Guillaume and three very imaginative boys Elouan, Mayeul, and Neil.

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