



**JORI CHEVILLE HEBERT** graduated from the Kansas City Art Institute in 2004 with a BFA emphasis in Ceramics. After graduating, she took great joy in passing on her passion for art on to children involved in after-school art classes at Swangstu-Ferguson Studios. While teaching, Jori also became an assistant at the Leedy-Voulkos Art Center and has been involved in promoting their mission for almost two years. The experience she gained from the Leedy-Voulkos Art Center and inspiration from their mission motivated Jori to open a similar business in Kansas City, KS, called J. Bird Studios. J. Bird Studios opened in July of 2007 and consists of six artist studios and an art gallery. Jori now resides in Olathe, KS with her husband, Douglas, and continues to produce artwork full time. Her artworks involve tile designs for the home, public commissions, and gallery work. Her most recent goals are to grow J. Bird Studios to accommodate more artists and expand her tile business.



**MARY BETH YATES** lives and works as a professional artist in Kansas City, Missouri. She received her BFA in Fiber Arts from the Kansas City Art Institute and also has a BA in Humanities/Russian Language and an MA in Teaching from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

Mary Beth arrived in Kansas City in 1999. Previously, she lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado where she worked as Director of Programs for the Colorado Springs Children's Museum. From 1995-1997, she served as a Peace Corps Volunteer teaching English in the Republic of Latvia, a former Soviet Republic. She grew up in Southeastern New Mexico.

Mary Beth has exhibited her work primarily throughout Kansas City and in the Midwest. She has been a top award winner at arts festivals in both Kansas City and St. Louis. Mary Beth's work is also a part of the permanent collection at American Century Investments.