

**ABSTRACT PAINTER MELISSA AYR
ON "THE LINNDA DURRÉ SHOW"
MONDAY, MAY 3RD, 2010 FROM 12 NOON – 1 PM (ET)
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- **Melissa exhibited as the sole American artist featured at The Wild Foundation 2009 World Congress in Yucatan, Mexico**
- **Alumnus of College of Notre Dame with training in Art Therapy; New Age Academy in the field of Art Education, and University of California at Berkeley**
- **Fine Arts Degree from San Francisco Art Institute, California College of the Arts, and Sacramento City College**
- **Melissa's art has been sought after for private collections and she has a client base in France, UK, Sweden, Australia, China and the United States**
- **Founder, Owner, and Instructor for Scribbles Art, where children of all ages have a wonderful time finding the Picasso inside themselves**
- **She paints with energy, emotion and color and refuses to conform to standard art rules**
- **Melissa's art is mostly created using her fingers, hands, breasts, and her body**
- **Inspired by the lives and art of Picasso, Pollock, Kandinsky, Frankenthaler, Chagall, Monet, Da Vinci, & Degas**

Melissa Ayr is an abstract painter who paints with energy, emotion and color. Born in New York to a family with highly creative minds, she began painting at the age of 3. Since childhood, her dream has been to become a renowned artist. She says, "It's the dream that drives me."

At a young age, Melissa had a near death experience when she was hit by a car crossing the street in San Francisco and was in a coma for a week. This life altering experience has been the overflowing source of creativity to her art. She states, "I am here to create art. I am here to touch others with art. I am thankful to be alive and I paint with passion. Life is precious. Let your imagination run wild!"

To Melissa, art represents much more than just painting on canvas. Art is a lifestyle, one that has twist and turns, shapes and faces, and has endless variation of objects and materials. Using oils, acrylics, inks, chalks, watercolors, and other materials, each of her paintings are original and inspired by the energy of the moment. Each piece has a story. She has had her artwork hung in various galleries, businesses, museums, hospitals, and estates -- from the Guggenheim in New York to San Francisco SOMA District, Silicon Valley, South Lake Tahoe Area, and recently in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

**To contact Melissa Ayr, visit her website at www.melissaart.com & www.scribbles-art.com
Call 407-774-1085 for Q & A with Melissa Ayr on "The Linnda Durré Show."**

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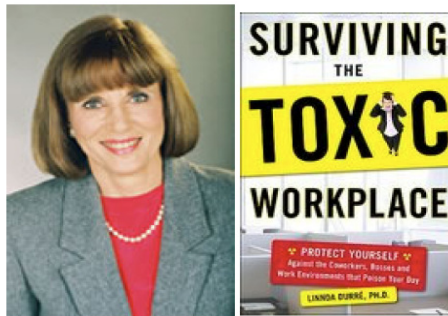
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Linnda Durré is a radio and TV talk show host, journalist, author, writer, and business and corporate consultant; an Internet, magazine and newspaper columnist; and an award winning filmmaker. She was admitted to WGA when she sold a TV series to Aaron Spelling, and she has written and hosted for the Disney Channel.

She has hosted and produced two TV shows (one national) and this is the third radio show she has hosted and produced. She has appeared on Oprah, 60 Minutes, The Today Show, Daytime, Good Morning America, The O'Reilly Factor (twice), and the local and/or national news programs on ABC, CBS, NBC, NPR, PBS, CW, and Fox.

She has been interviewed, quoted, and/or cited by the NY Times, LA Times, USA Today, Toronto Globe & Mail, Investors Business Daily, Pasadena Star News, San Diego Union and Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle & Examiner, Sacramento Bee, Christian Science Monitor, Albany Times Union, Argus Leader, Parade Magazine, CNN Online (twice), Glamour Magazine, Women's Day, Variety, Backstage, Hollywood Reporter, Dramalogue, Screen Actor Magazine, and many others.

Her book is in bookstores now all across the country: *Surviving the Toxic Workplace: Protect Yourself Against the Co-workers, Bosses, and Work Environments That Poison Your Day*. It is published by McGraw Hill. The book's website is: www.survivingthetoxicworkplace.com



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