

Celeste Ingraffia Robbins is a painter, printmaker, photographer, writer and teacher. A native of New Orleans, LA, Celeste began the formal study of art during her high school years at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, NH. She went on to receive her bachelor of Fine Arts in painting, drawing and printmaking from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she received the George C. Kachergis Memorial Scholarship for Studio Art. She also holds a Master of Fine Arts in Art Education from Boston University School for the Arts and was awarded the School for the Arts Dean's Scholarship.

As an artist, Celeste has spent her career painting children's portraits and portraits of catholic saints as well as creating other original works in a variety of media including oil pastel, metal, silver, watercolor, and photography. In 2007 she published her first children's book, Don't Forget, and is currently illustrating a second. Celeste is also currently working on her project 1000 saints where she is trying to paint a total of 1000 portraits of catholic saints over the next few years.

As an educator, Celeste has spent over 20 years writing, developing and implementing numerous pre-kindergarten through 12th grade fine arts curricula including art, music, theater and the integration of all three. In addition she helped create a family outreach initiative at the Austin Museum of Art where she served as the Family Outreach coordinator for three years.

Celeste currently resides in Austin, Texas, with her talented husband Noel and has shown her work in Texas, Wyoming, Montana, Massachusetts, North Carolina and Louisiana. Her commissions reside in homes and businesses worldwide.