

Piecing Us Together



Wow! Already a month into this project and can't believe how well it is going so far! It has been an incredible journey across our country and I've only been through six states so far! Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The midwest is taking a bit of time with the amount of people I know here, stretching all of the way back to grade school, plus spending time with my family. I am so grateful to have been able to celebrate my mom's 80th birthday and my brother Jim's 57th (today)! As of now, 91 of my friends and family have participated in this project, ranging from 8-94 years of age!

Thus far, the best and most fulfilling part of it is the true connection I am getting with each person.... all through art! That is what I set out to do and that is what I am getting! I love sitting down with someone in my life, in their space, gaining more insight and getting a little glimpse of their current life. My cousin Steve said it perfectly- vignettes! As I scroll through the hundreds of photos and footage and piece them together, it certainly is a mosaic, and definitely documentary-worthy. The smiles, hugs and warm welcomes are so heartfelt. The conversations have been so rich and diverse, not surprising, as are the people in my life.

It is a challenging project for a one-woman-show, perhaps bigger than I realized, but oh so worth it! The logistics alone are mind-boggling! I could use a driver, a cameraman and secretary! Thankfully, all of these facets to the project are ones that I really enjoy, it's just a lot. I will forever cherish these moments in time and so grateful that I have documentation of it all! What an incredible way to spend my 50th year of being on this planet, a true gift! Thank you to all of you who have already participated in my project and your overwhelming generosity! It was truly so good to see you and spend some time together. And I'm looking forward to seeing more of you on my travels ahead. Reach out if you want to be a part of this and I will also be reaching out to many of you along the way. I will do my best to send monthly emails and I do post more frequently on social media if you want to follow along. Now, back to work...

Sincerely,

Kate

ps. There has been some inquiry about ordering note cards and prints. They are both still available through my website while I'm on the road, however, the small works are on hold until I return to my studio.

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Upcoming August itinerary (not set in stone):

Eastern WI

Chicago, IL

Indiana

Louisville, KY

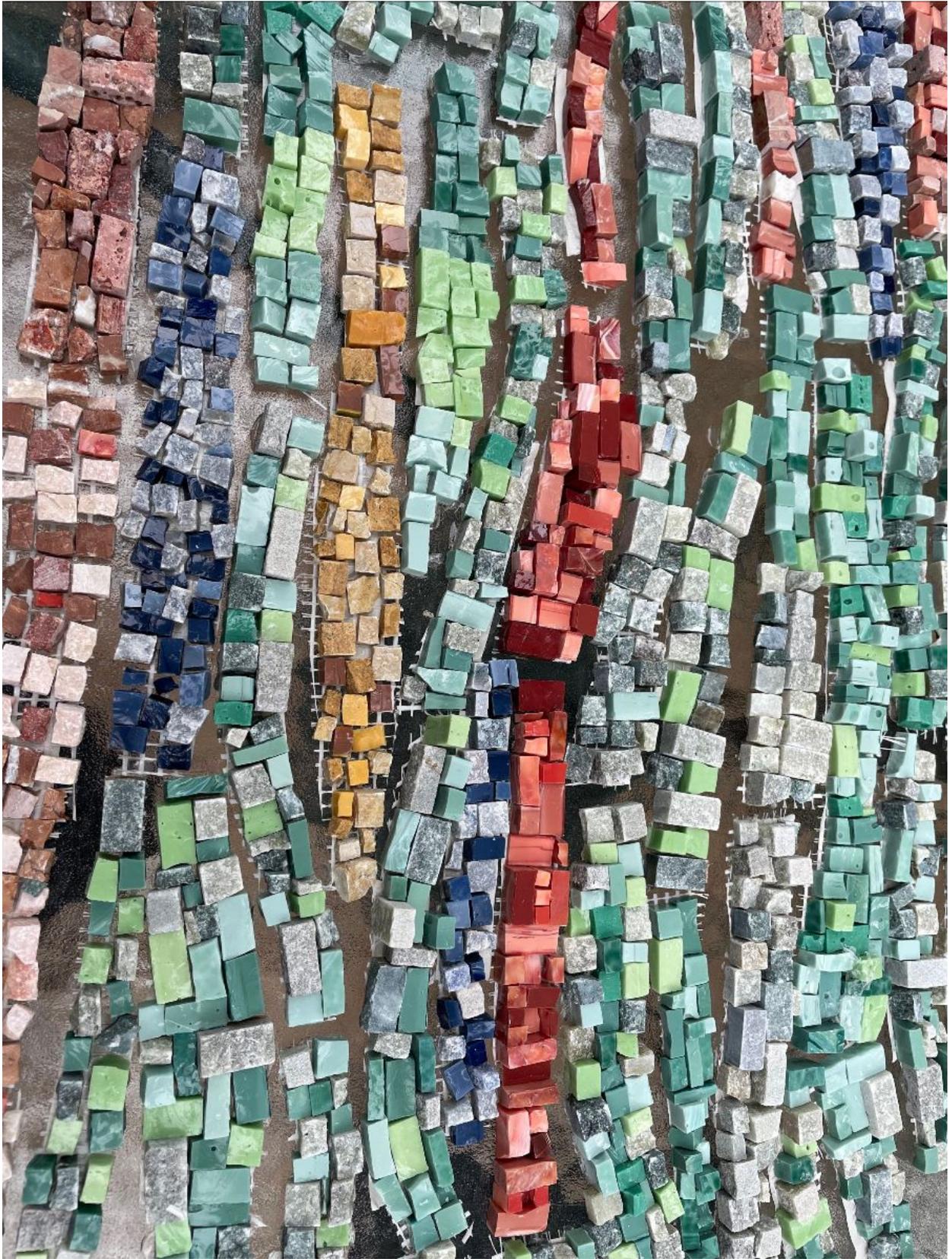
Detroit, MI

Pittsburgh, PA

Hudson, NY

Burlington, VT

Maine



Some of the mosaic segments laid out. They will all be pieced together into what I envision as a fabric, one which represents the life that I have woven and created by those who have touched it. This could get big;-)









A very small collage of such beautiful smiling friends and family from the past week! I have 91 one of these photos so far and it fills my heart to see them! Can't wait to see the final collage once finished. It alone will be a beautiful mosaic.





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