

**CITY HALL FEATURED ARTIST
APRIL KIRK**



April Kirk is a resident of Fort Lauderdale, the Executive Director of the Historic Stranahan House Museum, and a painter. A native of Broward County, April is a graduate of Pine Crest School and received a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art with a concentration in painting and printmaking and a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from Queens College in Charlotte, North Carolina. April's professional career is in non-profit management and fundraising and she returned to South Florida in 2001 to work at local non-profits such as the Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre, United Way of Broward County, Ann Storck Center, and now serves as the Executive Director of the Historic Stranahan House Museum.

April seeks inspiration for her paintings from old family photographs, pop culture, and her surroundings. Paintings often are created as part of a larger series such as cat portraiture, Converse shoes, or the latest series, the City of Fort Lauderdale. She is also currently working on a series of collages that re-image comic book artwork into both two dimensional and three dimensional pieces including paper, wood boxes, and glass ornaments.

When not celebrating the City through her professional career or painting, April spends much time volunteering for local causes and serves as a Board Member for the Flagler Village Community Garden, Canine Assisted Therapy, and Broward/Fort Lauderdale Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. She also is an Ambassador for the Salvation Army of Broward County.



I love Fort Lauderdale. Born at Broward General and raised on the edge of the Everglades, I have seen the wonderful transformation of this city over the years.

I love my life. I am both a museum director and a painter. Every day I have the privilege of being in the most beautiful and historic home in Broward County, the Historic Stranahan House Museum. In the evenings, I translate snapshots of this wonderful community into my own paintings. I strive to intertwine history and the arts in everything I do.

I love my home. I love the giant sky, the flat land, the abundant water, the diverse people, and the unique ecosystem. I love the sights and sounds and tastes of my home. I get lost in one ripple in the River and want to translate that blue onto canvas. I see diamonds floating on concrete as cars navigate the roads during sunset. I enjoy the contrast of white against blue against gold.

Everything I see I want to capture in paint so others can see the beauty that surrounds us.



- April Kirk