

# LYNN NOELLE RUSHTON

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- Were you born here? Where do you live now?

Yes. East Dallas and now live about a mile from the house I grew up in, and around the corner from my mom's childhood home. I am surrounded by my family.

- Where have you attended school?

Bryan Adams High School, Vanderbilt and Tulane.

- What were you like as a teenager?

Much more hip and un-time constrained.

- Who did you admire then?

Since the third grade my heroes have been Robin Hood and Michelangelo.

I lost Robin Hood for a while, but rereading an illustrated copy with my children reminds me of my well worn loves.

- Would you tell us about your family?

My sister is a Professor of English with a Ph.D. in Romanticism.

Mother teaches old fashioned home economics in DISD.

My father, from Fort Worth, is a true westerner and is like the English painter J.M.W. Turner's father. (He helped him with his studio business so he could paint.) My father helps with technical things too, but most importantly he plays with my sons.

My work is really a community and familial effort.

- What are some valuable lessons from them?

To appreciate life, be compassionate, and to learn from everything. Also to value community service.

- What is your husband like?

No nonsense, rational, loves numbers, dry sense of humor. We met through an act of God, but it was my cousin who introduced us.



## "...So Many Careers Today Have No Tangible Products..."

- Do you have pets?

Baby, an ancient Border Collie-so order loving she keeps the rest of us in line. Siesta, a sleek mutt and a plain gray cat.

- What do you love about your work?

So many careers today have no tangible products. They are filled with endless projects and similar tasks. But each day I can look in my studio and see what I have accomplished; physical evidence of my work. And in what other career can you gather up your work, throw a party, and say "This is what I've been doing the last couple of months."

- Where is your favorite place to travel?

Portugal.

- Do you prefer the young or old Elvis?

Young. I did see the older Elvis twice in concert.

- What makes you good at what you do?

Perseverance and the ability to stare at things. The ability to connect small pieces of information and create a cohesive picture.

- What do you call your style? What medium?

Expressionistic, intimate portraits of life work-a-day scene. Oils, and the ancient hot wax method of encaustic.

- Is there anyone you wished you look like?

Audrey Hepburn or Sophia Loren.

- Great choices! What do you do to de-stress?

Take a bath in a cast iron tub.

- What are some favorite movies?

"Wuthering Heights", "Pride and Prejudice"-the 6 hour one and "Vertigo".

- What would be a perfect Saturday night?

Completing a sentence to my husband before drifting off to sleep. And for someone to wake up at 5:00 on Sunday morning with our boys.

- What makes you laugh?  
"Absolutely Fabulous", Will Rogers, and "the ridiculous".

- How would you describe a perfect meal?

An early summer meal on a 1940's melamine table with chrome piping around the edge.

Fresh tomatoes and cantaloupe from my great aunt's garden. Warm French bread.

The 1930's gas stove heats the new black eyed peas. She sautés them with olive oil, garlic and onion.

- You have writing talent too. Who would you like to visit with besides Michelangelo?

Alan Greenspan, Cecilia Bartoli, Tennessee Williams, the Biblical Sheba with Solomon in tow, and Dorothy Sayers the thriller writer.

- What excites you about the future?

The inter-connectedness of people. No borders.

The fact that I can order textiles from Peru on the internet. It is a little scary.

- What is something you wish you could do?

Sing as beautifully as the music sounds without me.

- Who would you want to play your role in a movie?

Isabella Rossalini.

- Who would a casting director choose?

Sandra Bullock.

- What is your favorite type of music?

Opera, it is so sensually excessive, like a Baroque church.

- Do you have a favorite quote?

"Old ugly is better than old nothing." Darryl Royal.

- What is one word that describes you?

Resourceful.