

Creative Art

"I can live without Brazil, but I cannot live without Brazilians." Sandra Zebi, mother of Zebi, 16, and Gabi, 13, is a woman of the arts. She creates masterpieces with tile, canvas, sculpture and porcelain, works that attract everyone from Brazilians to Americans to Europeans.

Originally from São Paulo, Zebi earned an Industrial Design degree in Brazil before moving to London, where she lived for 2 years. Between Brazil and her current home in California, Sandra continued her studies in painting, architecture, classic sculpture, fine art, and textile design. A unique style soon emerged, informed by Zebi's sharp, critical mind and a cultural awareness brought on by travels to Europe, Asia and the Pacific Islands.

Since moving to Los Angeles, she has developed numerous projects within the Brazilian community. This year for instance, Zebi created a beautiful tile wall painting at the Brazilian Mall, a Brazilian shopping center in Culver City, CA. The painting depicts Brazil's history from colonization to industrialization, a job that required extensive research on culture and Brazilian ethnic formation. "It took three months to finish the work, and I had to use 900 tiles. In spite of that, it was worth it; the mural became my business card. It was very well accepted."

Some of Zebi's other important works include Café Brasil Restaurant in Culver City; a mural on Sunset Blvd in Los Angeles; work on wall, with three-dimensional pictures, at the Brazilian Consulate in Los Angeles; Spiegel's catalog; public sculpture at Inglewood's City Hall; arts festival in Santa Monica and Beverly Hills; and participation in both the Black Film Festival and the African Market Place (with great support from the African community).

"The fact that I am Brazilian helps a lot. People treat me differently. Brazil has a very accentuated cultural side, a kind of art with primary colors (strong colors)," she explains.

Zebi loves living here. "Because of the ethnic diversity in California, our work is exposed to different kinds of cultures. I love traveling and visiting new places, but Los Angeles is my safe haven."

Her current desire is to invest in her Marina del Rey studio and expand her work internationally. When pressed for advice, she is assertive, "Always follow your heart, it will never deceive you. Listen to the innermost voice." Let's applaud our artist!

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Zebi and Gabi

