

Karen Roth | Artist Bio

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Karen Roth was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan and earned a Bachelors degree in education at Wayne State University and a Master of Fine Arts in painting and mixed media at Eastern Michigan University. Roth moved to New York in 1988 and relocated to Brooklyn in 1993.

The consistency in her art is that she paints on highly textured surfaces. By using this process she produces paintings that are rudimentary and gritty as opposed to polished. The work is an antithesis to modern technology and tend to display the raw side of the subject matter. In much of her work the theme focuses on the urban environment although currently she has turned to nature for inspiration.

In addition to her paintings, which have been exhibited at several galleries, Roth created a billboard that she painted in the studios of Eller Outdoor Advertising. The art was sponsored by Eller and displayed on a busy Detroit thoroughfare. She also produced a program at a local radio station by interviewing the curator of the Detroit Institute of Arts. The subject was Judy Chicago's "The Dinner Party" which was on display at the museum.

Roth lives and works in Sunset Park, Brooklyn and displays her art at local galleries.