

# WENDY RODRIGUE

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WENDY RODRIGUE was born to an artist-mother and Air Force career father, both from New Orleans. She grew up on the Florida Panhandle, until relocating for college to San Antonio, Texas. She attended Trinity University, where she received degrees in Art History and English, followed by studies at the American University in Vienna, Austria, and graduate school at Tulane University in New Orleans.

Wendy's passion for art history delivered her to the doorstep of George Rodrigue's French Quarter gallery in 1991, and as fate would have it, she began a lifetime with world-renowned artist George Rodrigue. The couple married in 1997. Wendy partnered with George on the development of all aspects of his career and life, including his galleries, museum exhibitions, a dozen books, and the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts.

Wendy continues to direct the Rodrigue Studios galleries in New Orleans, Lafayette, and Carmel, California. She is a passionate advocate for the arts in education, as well as the personal and artistic legacy of George Rodrigue. As founder of the George Rodrigue Life & Legacy Foundation and Tour, Wendy has visited more than 60 schools and spoken to tens of thousands of students. Thanks to her success, the tour has expanded into museums, cultural organizations and community groups across the United States. In 2018, Wendy was named one of *New Orleans Magazine's* People to Watch.

For more information, read Wendy's book *The Other Side of the Painting* (2013, UL Press) or visit her blog at [www.wendyrodrique.com](http://www.wendyrodrique.com)

