

Ioanna Giannoulas - Papanicolaou

Ioanna Giannoulas-Papanicolacou has resided in the Seattle area with her family since 1982. She studied Fine Arts at the University of Washington where she graduated with a BFA in Painting. Born and raised in Greece, she first experienced American culture when she moved to California in 1970 to study for and receive a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Business at San Jose State University. Giannoulas' parents transferred to her their love of art and history as well as their strong concern for human suffering. Her expression in art often reflects her family's tragic experiences during World War II, the German occupation of Greece, and the resulting civil war.

She has shown her work at the University of Washington Jacob Lawrence Gallery, Bellevue Art Museum, private galleries in Seattle and Tacoma, and at public exhibitions in Greece

The mother of two sons, Giannoulas actively involved herself as a curator of children's art, exhibiting their work in public places and private buildings in the East Sound area. She has taught Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey* to children, activating the stories with an experiential, hands-on approach.