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## **Mothers of the Bible by Ginny Baughman**

*Exhibited in the Marian Library Gallery Aug. 11–Oct. 31, 2014*

Artist Ginny Baughman investigates several mothers of the Bible through her unusual, contemporary art. The artwork in the show will include paintings, sculptures and paper constructions that tell stories of famous biblical mothers including Eve, Sara, Rachel, Rebekah, Naomi and Ruth, Elizabeth and Mary. Ginny, herself a mother, brings her unique, modern perspective to these stories through her artistic narratives while pushing past the picture or sculptural plane into another dimension with the use of illusion and perspective, the addition of elements or the manipulation of the surface.

Artist Statement:

"Through my art I want to promote a dialogue about ideas that are close to my heart. I am interested in the human, particularly the feminine, figure, as it relates to different aspects of everyday life from motherhood to global warming.

My ideas about femininity, our earth, and life in general, flow through the figures that I create. They show my concepts literally on their bodies, and develop as I work, as if I am speaking through them.

I work as an author, poet, or musician creating a narrative that can be interpreted in a variety of ways. I weave a story leaving conclusions up to viewer's own interpretation. My viewer's interpretations make creating art so intriguing and rewarding, because I never know how my work will be comprehended. My hope is that it will spark a discussion about issues that are important to me."



**Wisdom**

**Proverbs 4**

Acrylic paint with plaster  
on canvas, 2014



## **Sarah the Seed**

**Genesis 17:15-16**

Acrylic painting, 2014; Artist Note: Sarah is the seed of Abraham's lineage.



## Elizabeth

**Luke 1:36-56, Genesis 21:6-7**

Acrylic paint with plaster on canvas, 2014; Artist Note: Elizabeth, John the Baptist's mother, was a mature mother just like Sarah before her.



## Mary's Song

**Luke 1:36-56, John 15:1-6 (Jesus the True Vine)**

Acrylic paint with plaster on canvas, 2014; Artist Note: Mary wears her song from the visitation on her pregnant belly and she is attached to Elizabeth with a vine which represents Jesus the true vine.





## Hannah

1 Samuel 1:22-28, 2:1-10

Acrylic paint with plaster on canvas, 2014; Artist Note: Hannah (alt. spelling Hanna) is wearing her song on her chest like a breast plate for battle.

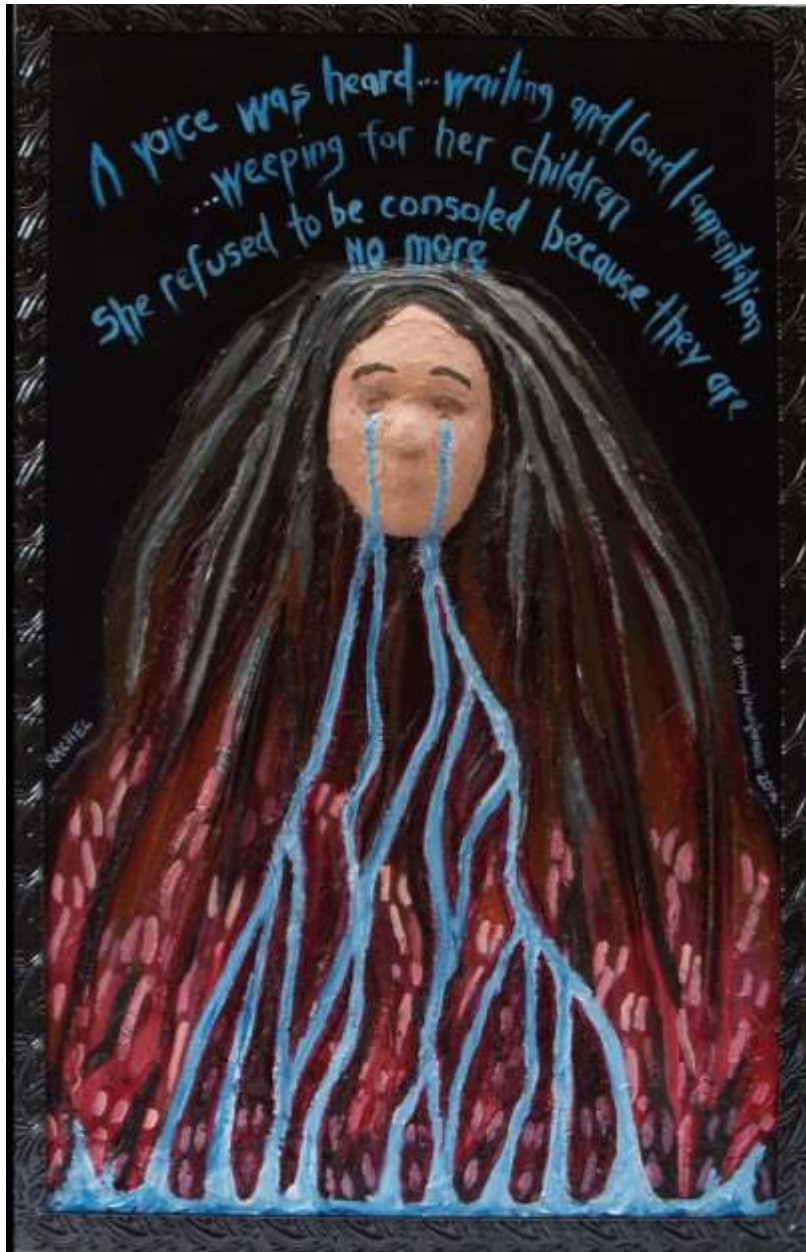


## Rebekah

Genesis 25:21-26

Acrylic painting, 2014





## Rachel

Matthew 2:18

Acrylic painting, 2014



## **The Dutiful Wife**

**Revelation 12:1-5**

Acrylic painting, 2014; Artist Note: The following series of three paintings represents the stages of a woman's life; they correspond to verses in the Bible. This painting represents a woman as a bride.



## **The Woman and the Dragon**

**Ephesians 5:22-24, 31-33**

Acrylic painting, 2014; Artist Note: This painting represents a woman in childbirth.



## **Anna the Prophetess**

**Luke 2:36-38**

Acrylic painting, 2014; Artist Note: This painting represents a woman as a widow.



## **Mary: The Word Becomes Flesh**

**Luke 2:7, 19**

Acrylic painting, 2014





## **Eve the Innocent**

**Genesis 1:23-25**

Acrylic paint with plaster on canvas, , 2006; Artist Note: This painting was created for my first show of contemporary artwork in 2006. It was one of the first paintings that I did in this technique of adding the bodies to the canvas.



## Eve and Adam

### Genesis 3:1-7

Acrylic paint with plaster on canvas, 2009; Artist Note: This painting was created in 2009 for an exhibition at OSU's Urban Arts Space called Storytelling Across the Arts. I collaborated with a poet for this show. I created this painting and the poet created a poem that related to it. We decided that they should be "Eve and Adam," not the traditional "Adam and Eve." We received third place for best collaborative artwork.



## **Eve: After the Fall**

**Genesis 3:11-13**

Acrylic paint with plaster and paper on canvas, 2014





## Hagar

**Genesis 16:3-4, 21:14-19**

Acrylic paint with plaster on canvas, 2014



## **Jochebed**

**Exodus 1:22, 2:2-3**

Acrylic paint with plaster on canvas, 2014





## Ode to a Capable Wife

### Proverbs 31:10-31

Acrylic paint with plaster and paper on canvas, 2014; Artist Note: This painting represents any woman struggling to fit into this Bible verse description of the “perfect” woman.



## Noah's Wife

**Genesis 8:15-19**

Found object sculpture, 2014; Artist Note: I wonder if Noah's wife would have been more concerned about her household items than the animals. What must have it been like to keep house on a boat for days on end?



## Naomi & Ruth

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Ruth 2:1-7

Acrylic Paint with plaster and paper on canvas with found objects, 2014





## **Mary and the Mothers Before Her**

Found object sculpture, 2014; Artist Note: This sculpture shows Mary and several of the mothers before her. The mothers on the base of the sculpture correspond to some of the mothers in this show.