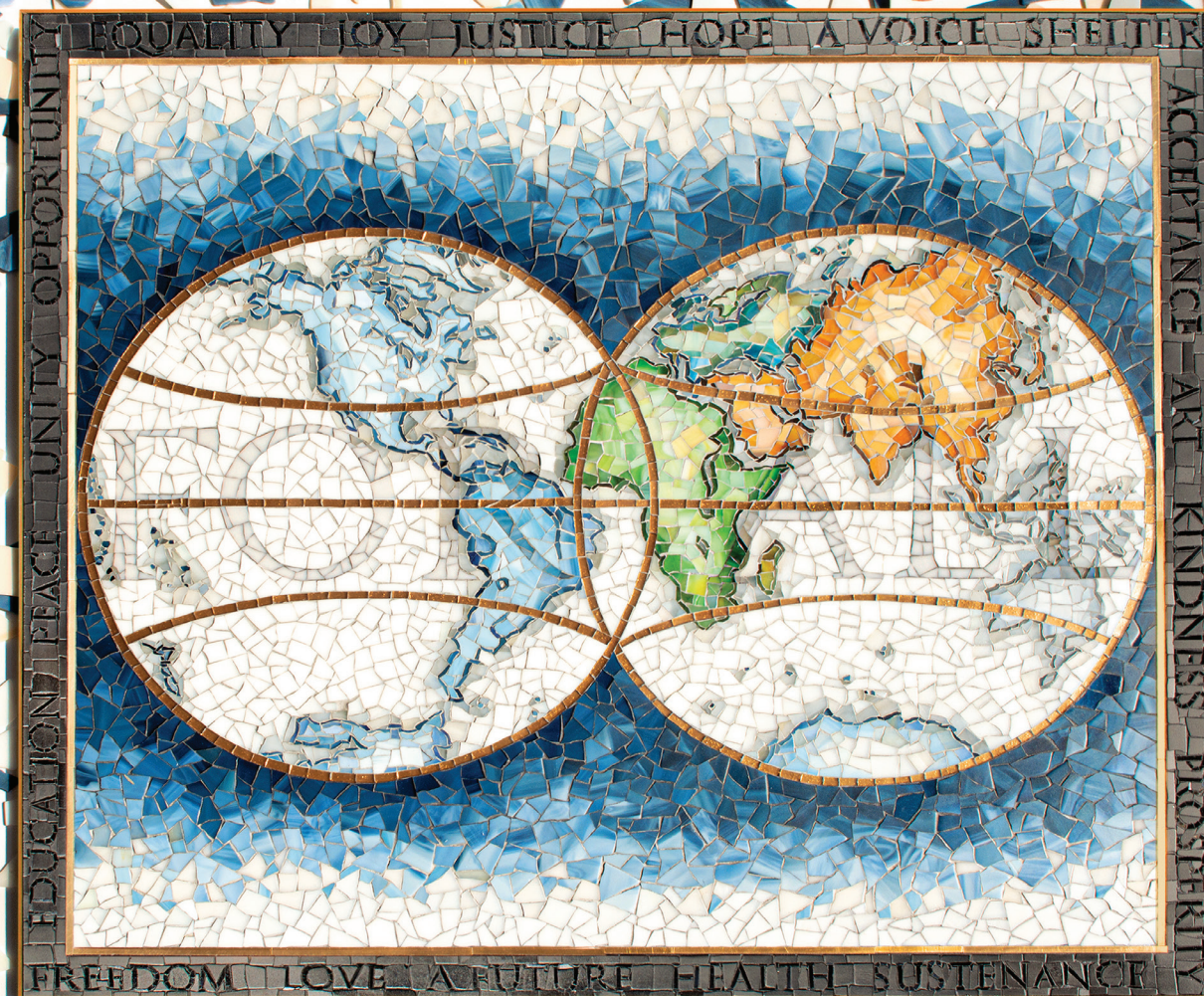


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Picking Up the Pieces

AN ARTFULLY TEXTURED **MOSAIC WORK** DRAWS INSPIRATION FROM MODERN GLOBAL CONNECTIVITY.

Few art forms are better suited, figuratively speaking, to capturing today's global mindset than mosaic, whose basis is the meticulous application of tiny glass tesserae into a larger cohesive design. Still, Cean Irminger, the creative director of the Virginia-based company New Ravenna, admits that it requires ingenuity to reimagine an ancient technique for 21st-century concerns, as she has done here with her *For All* creation. "It can be tricky to innovate with a craft that has been practiced for thousands of years," she says. "I believe our stamp on it can be seen in our work with textures." In this piece, an ode to universal togetherness, Irminger used New Ravenna's proprietary matte Seaglass accented with brass and 24-karat gold for the background of a historical map and glossy glass for the *For All* lettering, so the message stands out only in a certain light. "The world feels so fragmented now," Irminger says. "But we have a chance to unite all the disparate pieces and create something hopeful." —Vanessa Lawrence

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