

**Lauren Stringer**  
**Artist, Author & Illustrator**

**BIO**

LAUREN STRINGER creates paintings, drawings, and books in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she lives with her husband and sweet old cat, Indigo. Her first illustrated picture book, *Mud*, won an IRA Children's Choice Award, Crayola Kids Best Book of the Year Award and was declared a "Flying Starts" by *Publisher's Weekly*. Since *Mud*, Lauren has written and illustrated many celebrated picture books. Her book *When Stravinsky Met Nijinsky* won the McKnight Artist Fellowship for Writers and named a *Booklist's* Top Ten Art Books and ALA Notable Book. Her newest book, *Looking for Smile*, written by Ellen Tarlow, will be published in Fall 2020. Stringer was recently awarded a second McKnight Artist Fellowship for Writers, for her manuscript, *An Abundance of Light: The Story of Matisse in Morocco*. She is currently working on the illustrations for her book, *The Dark Was Done*.