

'Today' show profiles area artist tomorrow

Tomorrow on "Today," artist Fay Sciarra of Lawrence will be featured on a special Mother's Day program, hosted by David Bloom. It airs 8 a.m. on NBC (Channel 10).

"Living Your Dream Today," a five-part series profiling people who left their "9-to-5" lives in pursuit of a lifelong dream, began last month on the Weekend Edition of "Today."



Staff photo by Mark Sherman
Fay Sciarra

Sciarra was a television producer in San Francisco. But a conversation with her gravely ill mother produced an idea that would dramatically change Sciarra's life. Sciarra's mother, an artist, told her to think about becoming a painter. It struck Sciarra as strange, be-

cause she'd never so much as picked up a paint brush in her life. But after her mother's death, Sciarra gave it a try. Now, her work is winning critical praise and selling in galleries in Princeton and on New York's Madison Avenue.

"I am honored to be profiled on the 'Today' show, ... but I am especially touched that my mother's memory and the incredible relationship we shared are being recognized on national television," said Sciarra who is married and has a son.

"Mother's Day has been a bittersweet holiday for me since my mom died eight years ago. But this year feels different," said Sciarra. "I miss my mother, of course, but I feel her presence strongly. She sees me creating an incredible reality. She sees me pursuing my calling in a beautiful churchlike studio. And there's no accident that my 'Today' show profile is airing on this day of all days."

The television series will wrap up May 27 with a practical guide for viewers on how to turn their dream into reality.