

## About the founder continued....

I, Mikelle Standbridge, am the founder of the association Casa Regis and for the moment, the sole operator. While I now have Italian citizenship, am married to an Italian, and have been living here since 2000, I am originally from the United States. I grew up in a small mountain village in Southern Calif. -Mt. Home village - and I couldn't wait to move to San Francisco, then Paris, then back to S.F., then to Chicago, and then to Milan. But now that I have hit the big 50, I am soooo happy to be back in a small mountain village. The only difference with this village is that I want to bring in the international creative world to share it with me!



As for my past, I studied Art/Photography at San Francisco State University (B.A.), The University of Paris, and the University of Chicago (M.F.A.) and I taught Photography for ten years. I have always dedicated my life to fine art Photography and along this journey I feel as though I have always had help from either special people or the good fortune to receive scholarships. I would

like to be part of something larger than my own work and give back to my community even if 'my community' is international!

As an artist, I understand the impact a special place and special encounters can have on creativity.

