



**ARTIST REVIEW PANEL**

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

4 p.m.

- A G E N D A -

Virtual Meeting

<https://lagunabeachcity.zoom.us/j/96517354855>

(669) 900-9128 Webinar ID 965 1735 4855

[Artist Occupancy Permit Authorization Information](#)

- 1) Call to Order
  
- 2) Public Communications - *In order to assist the Artist Review Panel in the timely completion of its business, speakers are asked to limit any one of their presentations to three minutes or less. The Chairperson of the Artist Review Panel may extend this time for good cause. Names and, if given, addresses of speakers will be part of the official - records and meeting minutes are placed on the City's website.*
  
- 3) Items for Discussion and Action:
  - A. **Artist Work Live Occupancy Permit – 20412 Laguna Canyon Road, Studio 108** – Discuss and approve an application by John Chaney for an artist occupancy permit for 20412 Laguna Canyon Road, Studio 108.
  
  - B. **Artist Work Live Occupancy Permit – 20412 Laguna Canyon Road, Studio 214** – Discuss and approve an application by Christopher Hawthorne for an artist occupancy permit for 20412 Laguna Canyon Road, Studio 214.
  
  - C. **Artist Work Live Occupancy Permit – 20412 Laguna Canyon Road, Studio 111**– Discuss and approve an application by Megan Welch for an artist occupancy permit for 20412 Laguna Canyon Road, Studio 111.
  
- 4) Adjournment

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cc: City Manager  
City Clerk  
Assistant City Manager  
Directory, Community Development

Post through December 1, 2022

**DATE:** November 23, 2022  
**TO:** Artist Review Panel  
**FROM:** Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** Artist Work Live Occupancy Permit  
20412 Laguna Canyon Road, Studio 108

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An application has been submitted by John Chaney to obtain an Artist Occupancy Permit to work and live at 20412 Laguna Canyon Road, Studio 108 (ArtLofts). The application describes works as:

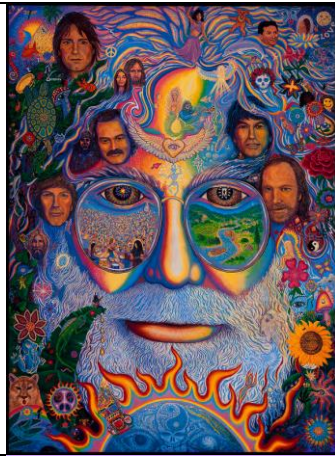
*“Paint and create various forms of modern art paintings, landscapes, in the process of currently writing a book”*

The applicant has submitted the following information:

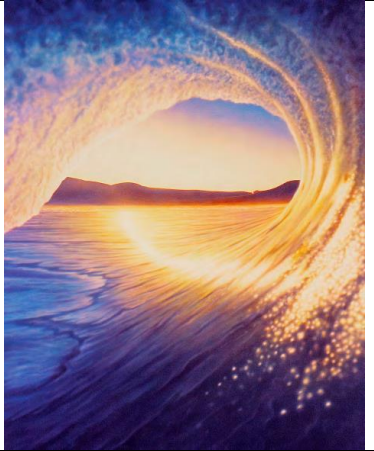
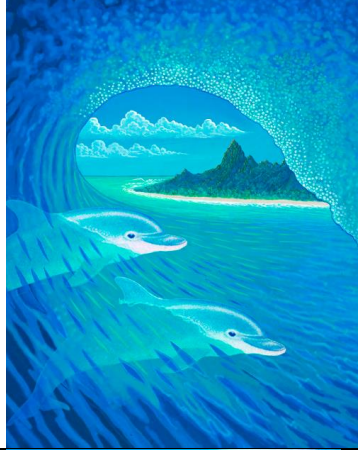
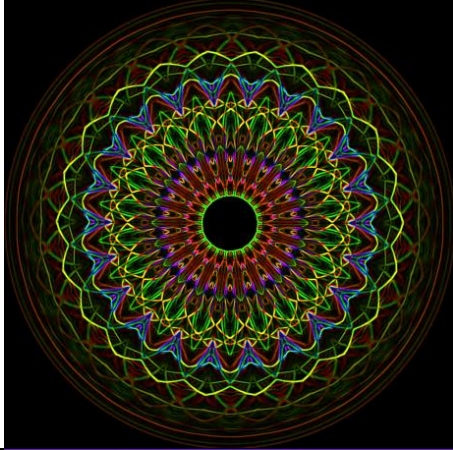
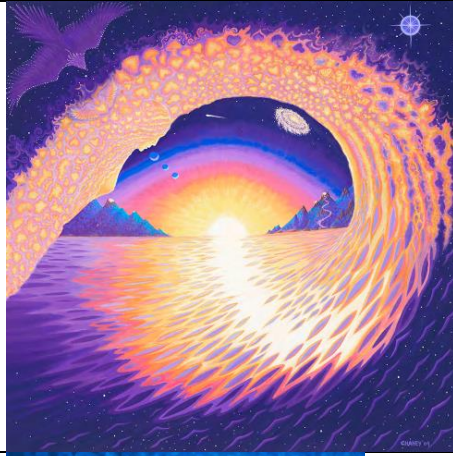
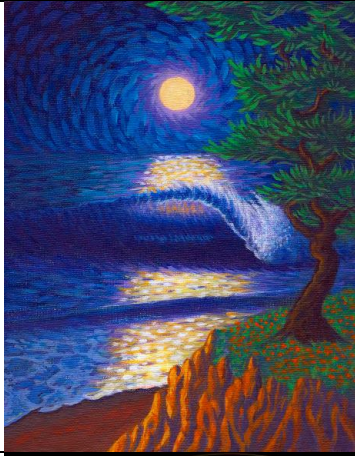
<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Submitted</b>
<b>Evidence of a body of work created in the last three years.</b>	Images included in Attachment 1.
<b>Evidence of formal training</b>	Not Provided.
<b>Evidence of exhibition, performance, documentation</b>	Images included in Attachment 1.
<b>Letters of recommendation</b>	Four letters submitted.

#### Recommendation

The Artist Review Panel should determine if the artist demonstrates and meets the requirements of Municipal Code 25.16.030. Staff recommends the Artist Review Panel discuss and determine if the application by John Chaney for 20412 Laguna Canyon Road, Studio 108 meets the criteria to authorize an Artist Occupancy Permit.









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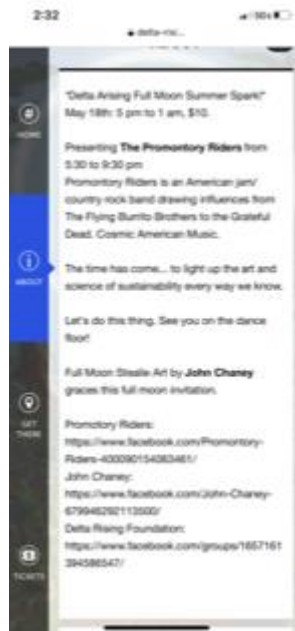
**JOHN CHANEY**  
**JAMES RICHARD KAO**  
**JOHN HOYT**  
**CHRISTO BROCK**  
**TERRI DURHAM**  
**SCOTTY CARTER**  
**JOHN PHILPOTTS**  
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To: The Art Lofts – Laguna Beach

Re: John Chaney – Artist

My name is Brett Keast and I was born and raised in South Laguna. After graduating high school in Laguna I started exhibiting in the Sawdust Art Festival (1977). I've been a full time artist ever since. I've been there every year exhibiting, 45 years now. When I started exhibiting at the Sawdust John Chaney was there exhibiting and demonstrating his art. He has continued to be a full time artist, active in donating to local charities and environmental causes. In the 45 years I've known John he has been painting and creating beautiful art daily. A true representative of a full time Laguna Beach artist.

Brett Keast

PO Box 9233

South Laguna, CA 92652

Sent from my iPhone

November 5, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

I have known John Chaney as a working artist in Laguna Beach for 12 years. John Chaney has been an outgoing contributor to the Laguna Beach community of artists throughout the years. I have known him to always be available for ongoing conversations of exhibiting in Laguna Beach. From the local galleries to Laguna Art A Fair, Sawdust Art & Craft Festival & the more prestigious Festival of Arts & Pageant of the Arts. John Chaney has informed myself and hundreds of other artists through the years of the genuine opportunities in Laguna Beach, Ca. John Chaney stands for the growing community of Laguna Beach and shall remain an ongoing contributor to the community of artists in Laguna Beach. I have much respect and appreciation for his ongoing efforts of painting unique portraits depicting his life's ambitions here in Laguna Beach, California.

Sincerely,

Jacek Lazuka

Fine Art Consultant @  
Wyland Gallery Laguna Beach, Ca  
Chuck Jones Gallery, Costa Mesa, Ca  
Martin Lawrence Galleries, South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa, Ca  
Chalk & Vermilion Fine Art, South Coast Plaza, Penthouse, Costa Mesa, Ca  
Sept 2017 -Jan 2020

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/jacek-lazuka/details/experience/>

<https://www.jaceklazuka.com/about>

Costa Mesa/Laguna Beach, California

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[www.JacekLazuka.com](http://www.JacekLazuka.com)



949.275.0108

Jacek Lazuka / Facebook  
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DEAR LAGUNA ART LOFTS

11/2/2022

THIS IS A LETTER of RECOMMENDATION  
FOR JOHN CHANEY. HE IS A FINE ARTS PAINTER  
of ACRYLICS on CANVAS. MAINLY IMAGINATIVE SUBJECTS—  
and HAS SOLD WORKS AT THE SAWDUST FESTIVAL  
of WHICH HE WAS A MEMBER FOR ELEVEN YEARS

HE PREVIOUSLY PRINTS WITH ACRYLICS on CANVAS—  
AND HAS and CONTINUES TO BE AN ACTIVE  
ARTIST in LAGUNA BEACH.

I HAVE KNOWN JOHN SINCE 1974 WHEN HE  
WAS IN SAWDUST

I CERTAINLY HOPE HE GETS A LOFT.

THANK YOU.

*Daphne Miller*

SAWDUST MEMBER SINCE 1971

1873 SOUTH COAST HWY  
LAGUNA BEACH, CA.

92651

949-417-4035



Letter of Recommendation for John Chaney

I had the opportunity to meet John several years ago when we were both exhibiting at Woods Cove Gallery in Laguna Beach. On a couple of occasions, we also did some live painting during events at the gallery. I admire how prolific and dedicated John is to his craft. In my many conversations with him, I've enjoyed hearing about his history, both his individual journey as an artist, and his shared creative experiences in collaborations with other artists.

John's work has incredible range. It's vibrant, with his masterful and playful use of light and color, John captures the spirit of Laguna Beach and southern California in so many of his pieces. In fact, his deep connection to this place comes through in every wave and reflection of light that he paints. Looking at his work, I experience a feeling of inner expansion and peace.

I feel a kinship with John not only because we're both artists, but because we value the independent spirit and unconventional approach to life that being an artist requires. I always enjoy speaking with John, sharing ideas, and hearing his experience as a life-long artist. Through the ups, the downs, the inspirations, and the challenges that have shaped him, John has a lot of depth and wisdom to share.

As far as my background, I've been exhibiting in galleries, festivals, and various independent venues both in Southern California and Chicago for the last 20 years. I received my Bachelor of arts from Columbia College Chicago, and my Master's of Counseling in the Arts from Adler University. I co-facilitated an art lecture series at Pecoff Studios in San Diego, and am currently an exhibitor in Laguna Beach's Sawdust Art Festival.

Best,

Tara Luther  
312-399-0905  
<https://www.taraluther.com/>

November 2, 2022

To whom it may concern:

My name is Tony Cox , I am the General Manager for Woods Cove Art Studio and Gallery and was the Owner at Woods Cove Art Gallery previously. I have known and worked with Mr. John Chaney for about 25 years. We have done so many art events together that I can not begin to name them all. John was crucial to the formation of our Non-Profit Public Benefit corporation "Laguna Foundation for the arts".

In addition John Chaney acted as resident artist/curator and manager at Woods Cove Art Gallery he served the gallery honorably for about 2 years. John has been a working artist in Laguna Beach for 25 years that I have personally witnessed. I have family members that have known him as working artist since the early 1970's. Please contact me with any questions or if you would like more information.

Best,

Tony Cox 949-289-6684

**Woods Cove Art Studio and Gallery**

p. 949.549.4557

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w. [www.woodscoveart.com](http://www.woodscoveart.com)



[1963 S. Coast Hwy. Laguna Beach, CA 92651](https://www.woodscoveart.com)

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[Laguna Beach Independent](#)

[Laguna Beach Vibe](#)

[Mia Tavanotti's Whales - Goes to the Moon](#)

Victoria Moore - [Atomic Cleanup Vets](#) UNESCO Exhibit - [StuNews](#)

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**FROM:** Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** Artist Work Live Occupancy Permit  
20412 Laguna Canyon Road, Studio 214

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An application has been submitted by Christopher Hawthorne to obtain an Artist Occupancy Permit to work and live at 20412 Laguna Canyon Road, Studio 214 (ArtLofts). The application describes works as:

*"I'm a commercial artist and work in the film and entertainment field making all sorts of things, ranging from metalwork to sculpture and graphic arts fabrication, molding and casting 3d Printing. I also do a lot of wood working, drawing, painting, cabinetry, and mixed media artwork."*

The applicant has submitted the following information:

<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Submitted</b>
<b>Evidence of a body of work created in the last three years.</b>	Images included in Attachment 2.
<b>Evidence of formal training</b>	Resume included in Attachment 2.
<b>Evidence of exhibition, performance, documentation</b>	Images included in Attachment 2.
<b>Letters of recommendation</b>	Not provided.

#### Recommendation

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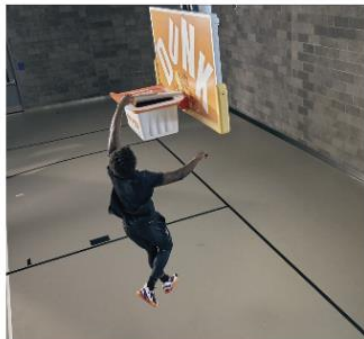
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Sharp Objects HBO



Netflix- Harder they fall popup NYC



<https://www.instagram.com/p/CcQPmHZDQhZ/>



Diesel Jean Flagship NYC



popcornopolis: promo vehicle



Once upon a time in hollywood drive in



Charging bull replica Sorceres apprentice



Brass teapot

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET**

SECTION I		NAME	
<b>Name</b>	CHRISTOPHER HAWTHORNE		
<b>Formula</b>	168 W Averida Cornelio		
	San Clemente CA 92672		
<b>Cell No.</b>	(845)629-6908		
<b>Email</b>	chris@hawthorne-industries.com		

**C.HAWTHORNE**  
**1-845-629-6908**  
 chawthorne@mac.com

FILM	
EVENT	
DISPLAY	
DESIGN	
SCULPTURE	

SECTION II		INGREDIENTS OF MIXTURE	
Principal Component(s)	Year	Unit(s)	
School of Visual Arts, New York, NY. Bachelor of Fine Arts, 3D Design and Illustration	2006	Graphic Design 3D Design and illustration	

SECTION III			UNION AFFILIATION		
I.A.T.S.E. Local 800 Art Director	2017	Occ.Code 1303			

SECTION IV		PHYSICAL DATA	
Highly motivated, multi-disciplined production designer/set designer/fabricator. Owner of Hawthorne Industries since 2018 a design build studio serving film/event/advertising. Thrives in a high paced environment, happiest solving problems and thinking both on my feet and out of the box, enjoys leading but easily takes direction. Strong hand drawing capabilities and ability to get ideas out quickly on paper. Passionate to make and create, lets build something together.			

SECTION V				PREVIOUS MIXTURES			
"Tumbleleaf" 2016 Art Director	"Interstellar" 2014 Senior Modeler	"Sorcerer's Apprentice" Model Maker	"The Mission" Special FX				
"AdventureTime" 2015 Lead Model Maker	"Wolf of Wallstreet" 2014 Visual FX	"Icegrill USA" 2011 Art Department	"Kaiju Fury" Consturction Lead				
"Tumbleleaf" 2014 Model Maker	"Oz the Great and Powerful" 2013 Miniature FX	"Battleship" 2013 Miniature FX	"Asylum Seekers" Specialty Prop Fabricator				
"Fast and Furious Super-charged" 2014 Lead Model Maker	"Brass Teapot" 2012 Key Prop Fabricator	"The Dark Knight Rises" 2013 Model Maker	"Ice Grill,U.S.A." Art Director				

SECTION VI				STUDIO MIXTURES			
<b>BixPix Entertainment</b>	<b>New Deal Studios</b>	<b>Jet Sets Inc</b>	<b>Spaeth Design</b>				
Art Director/Set Designer/ Fabricator for stop motion content production company. Created working drawings of all set/prop related elements. Lead crew of fabricators and model makers.	Set design and fabricator/model maker for a multitude of projects and productions for a renowned Visual Fx Production company. 2010-2020	Owner design and fabrication for film event and production	Sculptor/Fabricator for design company responsible for the renowned animated holiday window displays of some of NYC largest department stores.				

SECTION VII		TECHNICAL INFORMATION	
<b>Platforms</b>	Mac OS	Proficient in Creative suite including Illustrator and Photoshop, Rhinoceros, AutoCAD, ZBrush, automation	
	Windows		

**Mechanical Proficiency**  
 Festool systems, table saw, band saw, radial and mitre saws, lacquer finshes, wood and metal lathes, acrylics and plastic, hot-wire cutting, glass bending, clay sculpting, vacuforming, mold making, epoxies, silicones, urethanes. CNC operation and file preparation, laser cutting. MIG welding and TIG welding both steel and aluminum, very comfortable in shop environment. Rigging, motion controlled props and process paint applications

SECTION VIII		SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS	
<b>Precautions to be taken in Handling &amp; Storing</b>	Behaves best in a creative environment with like minded people who believe in the endlessness of possibilities. Use immediately.		
<b>Revision</b>	No.8	<b>Date</b>	10/19/17
<b>Approved</b>	Chris Hawthorne		<b>Contact No.</b> 845.629.6908

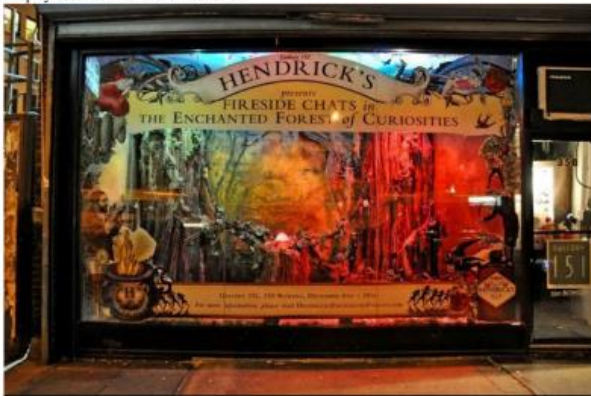
This document was designed to grab the attention of potential employers. If you are reading the fine print, please pass this on to your hiring manager. If the person reading this happens to be the hiring manager, I would like to thank you for spending the time to look over my information, I hope to hear from you. Thank you again for your time and consideration for any opening that might fit the above described. Sincerely, Chris Hawthorne.

11/16/22, 12:11 PM

Event Work by Christopher Hawthorne at Coroflot.com



Display case for a furniture trade show



Window for a Hendrick Gin sponsored event in NYC

[https://www.coroflot.com/christopher\\_hawthorne/Event-Work](https://www.coroflot.com/christopher_hawthorne/Event-Work)

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Bar Tree





Hendrick's Gin Tree Detail



Event Work

- [Industrial Design](#)

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Odd Bunch Masks - These six masks were made for the film Asylum Seekers. They are made by hand from foam with real feathers and fur.





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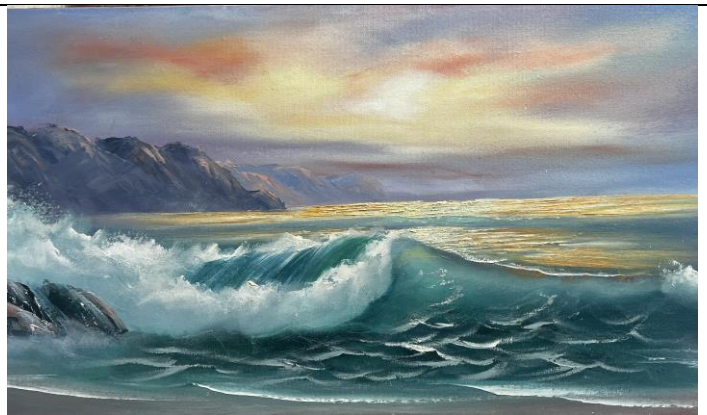
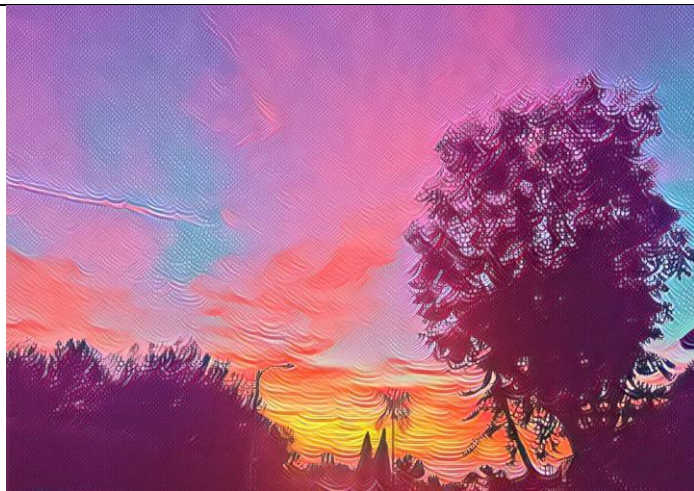
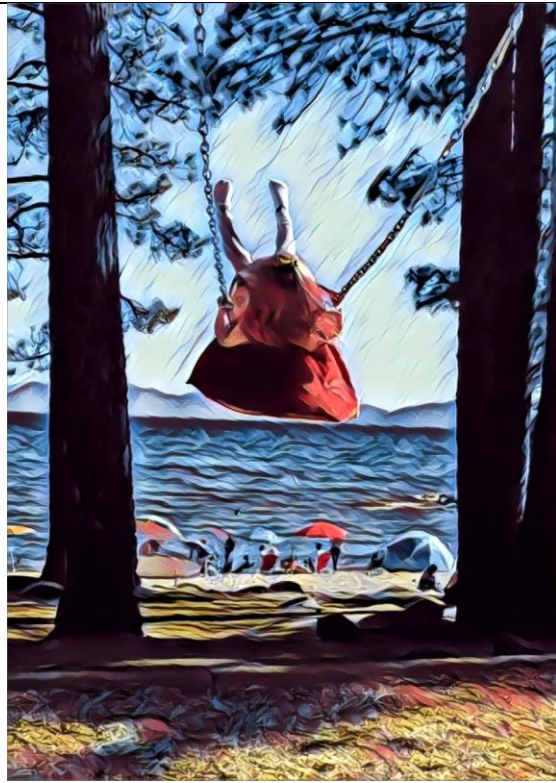
*“Painting and photography”*

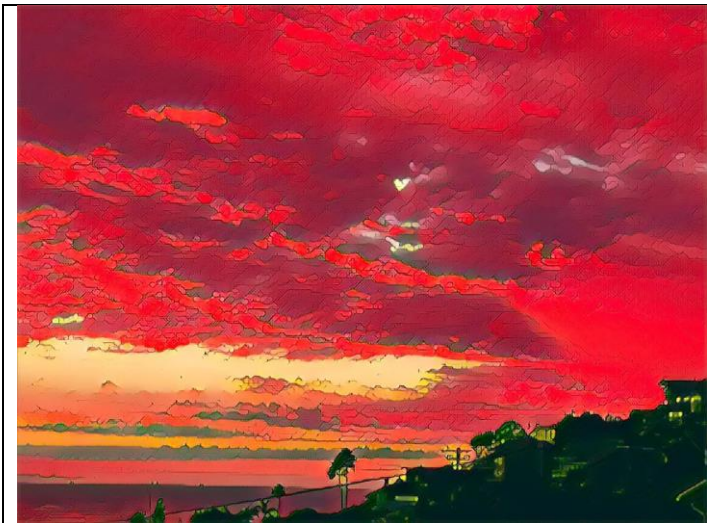
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<b>Letters of recommendation</b>	One letter submitted.

Recommendation

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# MEGAN WELCH

FILMING/EDITING  
GRAPHIC ARTIST  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
FINE ART



 megan7welch@gmail.com  
 949-741-2211  
 Laguna Beach, CA  
Incline Village, NV

## EDUCATION

NY Film Academy  
Bachelor of Fine Arts  
Candidate 2025

UCLA Extension  
Photography Certificate Course  
2020

Adobe Creative Suite  
Certification  
2018

## COMPUTER/ GRAPHIC DESIGN SKILLS



## HOBBIES



## ABOUT ME

Experienced creative and motivated Artist and Film Maker encompassing an extensive background in Graphic Art & Photography, with a passion for the Fine Arts.

Over 10 years of experience collaborating on projects across a wide range of industries, including Film, Art, and High-tech.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Designed the layout and structure of an on-line training platform for a international motivational speaking company.

Executive Director  
2015 - Present

- Created on-line training platform
- Collaborated all Filming & Editing

SuperSystem  
Los Angeles, CA

Fine art photographer based in Laguna Beach and Lake Tahoe. Nature photography of all types including landscapes, beaches, sunsets, forest scenery, international location specific photography and more. Living at the beach and mountain affords access to some of the most beautiful locations in the world.

Photographer  
2020 - Present

MeganWelch.art  
Incline Village, NV  
Laguna Beach, CA

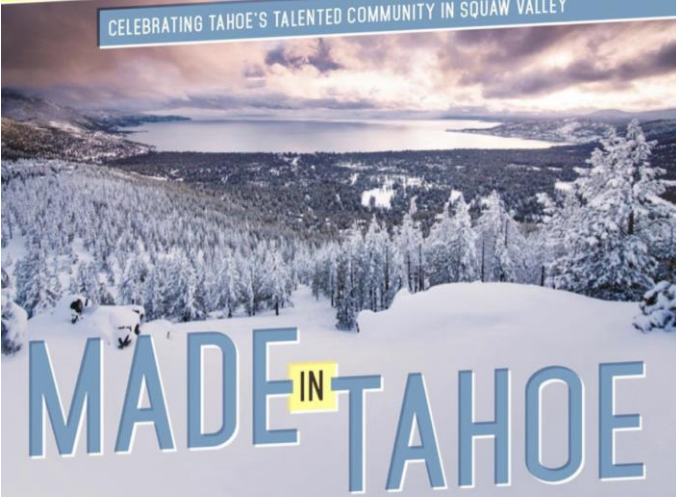
Possesing a firm believe in painting directly from nature and an innate love for being outdoors, where I can see, hear, feel, and smell the scene around me. Connecting to the earth is where my truly authentic self shines. Preferring a fine oil medium, however the computer graphic side of me has a tendency to steal the show with NFT Art. Painting is a translation of my heart and soul that I can share.

Fine Art Painter & Graphic Design Artist  
2010 - Present

MeganWelch.art  
Incline Village, NV  
Laguna Beach, CA

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FROM THE DESK OF  
**GEORGE DANS**

November 7, 2022

ArtLofts  
20412 Laguna Canyon Road  
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to give a letter of recommendation for Artist Megan Welch. I have known Megan for more than 8 years. She is the Executive Director for our training company. She is an exceptional graphic artist, film producer, editor for our company and her work is creative, and imaginative. Megan also does photography and paintings and I have the pleasure of owning one of her paintings that she personally curated for me. Megan would greatly benefit from being in a work/live environment to do her paintings and this would emerge her further into the amazing Laguna Beach art culture.

Sincerely yours,

*George Dans*

Actor/Motivational Speaker/Trainer  
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george.georgedans@gmail.com