

CHRISTIANO DE ARAUJO — Visual artist, painter, sculptor, designer and art producer.
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PROFILE: Multidisciplinary professional artist with a background in creating original art on small and large scales both indoors and outdoors. Over 25 years of diversified experience in creating, designing, project managing, producing and executing 2D and 3D large-scale public art projects and installations, including murals, sculptures, canvas and illustrations. Versatile, hardworking and dedicated artist who can solve problems creatively with tight deadlines. Fluent in English and Portuguese languages.

WORK SKILLS:

Digital art rendering: Adobe Photoshop CC 2015, proficient on Wacom tablet, graphic design and photography. PC literate in Windows 7 and Microsoft Word.

Specialties: Skilled in hand/power tools including electrical, pneumatics and spray guns. Over 20 years of experience working with heavy equipment like scaffolding, powered lift systems, scissor lift, boom lift, swing stage and fork lift. Expert in constructing and installing artistic projects with paint, metal, wood, fasteners, adhesives, Styrofoam, papier-mâché, plastic, plaster, cement, tiles, bricks, blocks and stones.

Community engagement: Works regularly with community and grass roots organizations to involve volunteers, newcomers, aspiring artists, youth, and people of diverse backgrounds in artistic productions that directly impact local communities.

Leadership: Maximized talent through instruction, motivation and support. Encourages respect, initiative and enthusiasm in others. Interviewed, employed and trained staff. Lead artistic teams and projects of up to 10 people.

Teamwork: Worked on large and small teams to accomplish, daily, weekly and monthly goals. Excels at collaboration on artistic projects where multiple visions come together to create one seamless result.

Project Management: Proven excellent end-to-end project management and organizational skills displayed through years of experience managing processes, analyzing and identifying opportunities to improve efficiency. Experience streamlining project timelines and budgets, managing staff, supply sourcing, equipment and troubleshooting unforeseen circumstances, etc.

Safety: Compliant with all safety regulations; designed and applied safety procedures, vehicular traffic control and worker/work site rescue plans. Goes above and beyond basic safety needs to ensure that all staff, public and surrounding areas are secure. Has never had injury occur on a worksite.

Stakeholder relations: Experience navigating multiple investor directives with different levels of investment and interest. Liaises with all levels of staff and management to accommodate budgets, resources and coordinate schedules.

ARTISTIC SKILLS & MEDIA

Airbrush, aerosol and brush specialist – Painting large scales hyper-realistic murals and canvas.

Designing and art creation – Traditional hand drawing and Photoshop digital art.

Sketching, drawing and painting – Techniques in portraits and landscape images.

Cartoonist and comic strip artist – Creation of characters, story boards and illustrations.

Painting: Oils, acrylics and enamel paints, watercolor, gouache, ink, dry & oil pastel, chalk, charcoal.

Sculpturing: Molding and casting, metal, Styrofoam, wood, clay, papier-mâché, plaster, winter stone.

EXPERIENCE

2000 – Present – Self-Employed Visual Artist – Sole proprietor, Toronto Artists Studio – Toronto, ON.

2007 – 2016 – Visual Artist – Mural painter and sculptor – Global Colors Inc., Toronto, ON.

1995 – 2000 – Art Director and Cartoonist – Jornal da Mulher & Brasil News newspapers – Toronto, ON.

1992 – 1994 – Editorial Cartoonist & Illustrator – Diário da Manhã – Goiânia, Goiás, Brazil.

EDUCATION

1993 – Escola de Belas Artes Oswaldo Verano – Anápolis, Goiás, Brazil – Fine Arts

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AWARDS, PUBLIC ART, 3D INSTALLATIONS, MURALS & COMMISSIONS

2016 – Tabia mural award winner 2016 – The Windows of Time mural – Weston Village BIA, Toronto ON.
2015 – Creation of 10 community artwork images for STEPS/PATCH project embedded into a larger public work, metal panels for the 2015 Toronto Pan Am/Parapan Am Games opening ceremony cauldron
2014 – The Bathhouse Raids Mural & The 519 Mural for World Pride 2014, Toronto, ON.
2002 – Present – Over 50 murals and public art installations across Canada.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2017 – 4 Worlds – Visual Arts from Latin America, CANORAA – Gallery Hittite – Yorkville, Toronto, ON.
2016 – The return of the Million Dollar Monster show – The Super Wonder Gallery – Toronto, ON.
2015 – Reversion – A Figurative & Portrait Art Exhibition – The Super Wonder Gallery – Toronto, ON.
2015 – The Super Big Top – The Super Wonder Gallery – Toronto, ON.
2015 – Somos: A Latin American-Canadian exhibition – Daniels Spectrum Artscape – Toronto, ON.
2015 – The Super Naughty show #4 – The Super Wonder Gallery – Toronto, ON.
2014 – Water festival show by The Essencia Arts Collective – Studio Bar – Toronto, ON.
2014 – Breaking new ground show – Bavia Arts Gallery – Toronto, ON.
2014 – The amazing candy land show – The Super Wonder Gallery – Toronto, ON.
2013 – The return of the Million Dollar Monster show – The Super Wonder Gallery – Toronto, ON.
2013 – The Super Naughty show #3 – The Super Wonder Gallery – Toronto, ON.
2013 – Jumper 2013 - Norman Felix Group Show – Toronto, ON.
2013 – Art Fusion, Daniels Spectrum Artscape – Toronto, ON.
2012 – Brazilian art show, Toronto City Hall – Toronto, ON.
2012 – The Kingston Prize, Galerie d’art Desjardins – Drummondville, Quebec
2011 – The Kingston Prize, Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) – Toronto, ON.
2011 – The Kingston Prize, Firehall Theater – Gananoque, Ontario

PUBLIC ART – SHORTLISTED

2015 – StART Underpass Program – Bala Pedestrian Underpass Project – Toronto, ON.
2015 – StreetARToronto (StART) and Metrolinx – John St. Pedestrian Bridge Art Project – Toronto, ON.
2014 – StART Underpass Program – “Scarboro Junction” + “GECO munitions plant” – Toronto, ON.
2011 – The Kingston Prize Finalist, Canada’s portrait competition – Canada.

RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE

2018 – <http://ryersonian.ca/58781-2/>
2017 – <http://teachingkidsnews.com/2017/02/12/street-artist-offers-hope-peace-torontonians/>
2016 – http://www.blogto.com/arts/2016/04/10_mural_artists_in_toronto_everyone_should_know_about/
2014 – <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/worldpride-2014-ready-to-paint-the-town-rainbow-1.2681774>
2014 – <http://www.citynews.ca/2014/06/20/worldpride-2014-begins-in-toronto/>
2014 – <http://dailyxtra.com/toronto/life/people/walls-can-talk> 2014
2014 – <http://vimeo.com/99059180>

REVIEWS

2015 – In Evidence, etc & tal Magazine, January 2015 issue – Toronto, ON.
2012 – Artista de nossa comunidade, Jornal da Gente – Toronto, ON.
2011 – The Kingston Prize “Ongoing Exhibition”, ROM Magazine, fall issue – Toronto, ON.
2010 – Christiano, O Pintor Radical, Jornal da Gente – Toronto, ON.
2007 – 10+ Series, “The will to overcome adversity”, AMOI Magazine – Canada.