## LELAND LEE

## California Born 1989 Resides in Taipei, Taiwan

Leland Lee is an internationally renowned artist who has held exhibitions in more than a dozen countries across Europe, Asia, and North America, including Russia and the Vatican. His artwork features brightly colored compositions with intricate shapes filled with strong contrasting colors such as golden yellow, fiery red, bright orange, teal, purple, turquoise, and royal blue. These bold hues are often accentuated by gold or silver lines that add depth to his creations.



Remarkably, Leland's natural talent for color harmony developed without formal training in color theory – a testament to his innate ability as an artist. His artworks evoke feelings of joy and invigoration, reflecting the soulful inner world of this remarkable individual. Diagnosed with Autism at two years old, Leland struggled with verbal communication throughout his childhood. However, he found solace in creating art – a non-verbal form of expression that allowed him to connect with others on an emotional level.

Leland's parents first noticed their son's interest in drawing when he was about four years old. At the time, they were concerned by his obsessive and perseverative behavior as he produced several hundred pictures within just a few months. Each piece featured slight variations but none were exactly alike. Seeking professional guidance, Leland's parents focused on providing therapies and treatments to help their son navigate life with Autism.

It wasn't until Leland was eight years old that his artistic talents truly began to shine. Experts from his school district discovered his gift during an evaluation session when they asked him to replicate some Renaissance masterpieces. With relative ease, Leland recreated these works with astonishing accuracy – a feat made even more impressive given his young age and lack of formal art education at the time. As a result, he was certified as "exceptionally gifted" by experts in the Los Angeles school district around this age.

Leland's work quickly gained international acclaim, earning him recognition as a 'gifted US artist' and 'The One Hundred Remarkable Kids Award' (1999) by The Los Angeles Times. By thirteen years old, Leland had held his first solo art exhibition showcasing his unique style and undeniable talent.

Today, Leland continues to make waves in the art community with his vibrant and thought-provoking pieces. In addition to painting, he enjoys playing guitar and swimming competitively. Leland is a true artistic genius whose work transcends cultural boundaries while inspiring joy and wonder in all who experience it.

Strokes of Genius