

## **Chu Okoli**

### **Artist**

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### **QUALIFICATIONS**

Accomplished Studio Painter, Installation Artist, Sculptor, Muralist and Writer. Developed a brand new approach and style in painting using concentric circles as tools in telling visual stories.

Prime attributes include creativity, experience, mature body of work, proficiency, versatility, proven commitment to detail, high standards and excellence.

Have produced many commissioned and non-commissioned paintings and works of art in both public and private collections.

### **AWARDS**

Adolph and Esther Gotlieb Grant for Painters, 2018

Medici Medal Award Winner in Painting for Outstanding Innovative style at the International Biennale of Contemporary Art, Florence Italy, 2015

### **TRADEMARK FOR INNOVATIVE ART**

Currently working on the Trademark Identity for my Award-winning Innovative style in Painting.

### **EDUCATION**

A graduate of I.M.T. Art School, with a Fine Arts Degree in Painting. (3.58/4.0 G.P.A.)

Honors/Awards: Distinction Student Award; and a recipient of the School's Special Merit Award for Overall Performance.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Studio Painter, Visionary and Instructor, Houston, TX

Painting and Drawing Instructor at the Houston School of Art and Design Houston, TX, 2002 - 2008.

Artist and Design Consultant, Museum of Cultural Arts Houston, TX, 2001-2004.

Artist and Design Consultant, Frank Sculpture and Design Co., 2001-2004.

Muralist for a project collaboration with Morris Architects, Houston, TX, 2002.

### **SELECTED EXHIBITS**

-Currently showing and Represented by Stride Art Gallery, New York, NY, 2020

-Art Basel Miami/Spectrum FL, 2019.

-Contemporary Art Fair, Santa Fe, NM, 2019.

-ArtExpo New York, NY, 2019.

-Permanent Exhibit at Studio/Gallery # 319, Silver Street Studios Houston, TX, 2018.

-Multiple group shows at Sawyer Yards, Houston, TX, 2018.

-Serrano Gallery, Houston, TX, 2018.

- Art Beth El Show, Tampa, FL, 2018.
- Artwalk Galveston 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.
- Chicago Art and Design Show, Chicago, IL, 2017.
- Las Olas Art Festival, Fort-Lauderdale, FL, 2016.
- Represented USA at the Contemporary Art Biennale, Florence Italy, 2015.
- Bayou City Art Festival, Houston, TX, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.
- PAFF Art Exhibit, Los Angeles, 2006 & 2008.
- Eastman Gallery, Houston, TX, 2007-2008.
- Bayou City Art Festival, Houston, TX, 2006.
- Installation art at the esteemed Project Row Houses Gallery Houston; titled 'Art Appreciation', Oct. 2003 - Mar. 2004.

Many Solo and Group art shows including:

- Stride Art Gallery New York, NY, 2019.
- Art Beth-El Gallery St. Petersburg, FL, 2019.
- Group Art Shows @ Sawyer Yards and Silver Street Studio Gallery, 2014 – current.
- Houston Grand Opera Art Exhibition and Auction, 2019.
- Amegy Bank Artist Collective Exhibition, Houston, TX, 2018.
- Avenida Houston Art Exhibition, Winter Street Gallery, 2018.
- A month long exhibition at the Schomburg/Countee Cullen Regional Library in Harlem NYC, 2002 and 2003.
- Solo at The International Art Expo New York City, 2001 and 2003.
- Solo at Gallery of Distinctive Arts Houston, 2002.
- Solo at the 1860 House Gallery in Skillman, NJ, 1998.
- Group Shows in Atlanta, Tennessee, Florida, California and Washington D.C, Nigeria and United Kingdom, 1984 - 2019.

## **SELECTED COMMISSIONED WORKS**

### **Recent**

1. Derek Obialo Law Office Series, Houston, TX.
2. Mustang Engineering Mural Art Series, Houston, TX.
3. Mosaic mural artwork, 10 ft X 10ft, City of San Antonio, TX.
4. PlazAmericas Mall Mural Art series, Houston, TX.
5. A 10ft X 10ft Mosaic mural for the city of San Antonio, TX.

### **Previous**

1. Painted a 10ft diameter 2ft dome in Downey, CA, depicting a contemporary version of 'The Creation'. 2009.
2. Recently designed and painted a 260 sq ft acrylic mural pieces for the Texas Children's Hospital, TX 2009.
3. Painted a 20ft by 10ft acrylic mural for Spaw Maxwell Co. Houston TX, 2009.
4. Painted a 25ft by 20 inch landscape mural for Mustang Engineering, Houston, TX, 2008.
5. Painted an 8-panel plexiglass acrylic mural for the Trinity Lutheran Church in Victorville CA, 2008.
6. Designed and co-painted a 20ft x 10ft acrylic mural painting for Challenger Elementary School in Victorville CA, 2007.
7. Designed and co-painted a 16ft x 6ft acrylic painting for Brentwood Elementary School in Victorville CA, 2007.
8. Painted a 10ft x 6ft acrylic mural painting for the Pita Stop in Victorville CA, 2007.

9. Designed and co-painted a 14 panel acrylic mural painting, each measuring 26ft x 6ft at the Victorvalley Mall in Victorville, CA, 2007.
10. Designed and created a 5ft x 3ft floor mosaic mural for the Hand Center Medical Clinic in Houston, TX, 2005.
11. Designed 6 pieces of 18ft x 7ft mosaic mural for the Port of Houston Authority, Houston, TX, 2004.
12. Painted a 48" x 36" acrylic work for The Fall Creek Home Building Company, Houston, TX, 2003.
13. Painted a 70ft x 14ft acrylic mural painting on canvas, titled 'True Glory'; for The Fountain of Praise Church, Houston, TX, 2002.
14. Painted a 10ft x 10ft acrylic mural painting on canvas titled, 'Prayer Story', 2002.
15. Painted a 2 Piece 12ft x 8ft work on canvas titled, 'Venetian Talents I and II', 2002.
16. Illustrated a published water-color series for children's books and several magazines, 2001 and 2002.
17. Designed and produced several art projects for NASA, Houston, TX, 2002.
18. Designed and painted several mural pieces for the Six-Flags Astroworld, Houston, TX, 2001 and 2002.
19. Created several mural paintings and logo designs for The Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma City, 2001.
20. Created several mural paintings for The Houston Rodeo and Livestock Show Houston TX, 2001 and 2002.

#### **MEDIA EVENTS**

- Featured as Artist of the Week on Fox News Channel Houston Art issues coverage, Feb. 2004.
- Feature Artist on KPFT 90.1 FM Radio News Program in Jan. 2004.
- Feature Artist in the Houston Chronicle Newspaper article of Dec.11, 2003.
- Feature Artist on CBS News Channel Houston on Oct.16, 2003.

#### **SELECTED SKILLS**

- Proficient creative writer. Author of published and unpublished materials including a novel, short stories, poetry, essays and articles.
- Proficient in Microsoft PC Windows Word, Adobe Photoshop 7, Macromedia Dream Weaver MX, Publisher and Corel draw.

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- FreshArts Houston, TX, 2019.
- American Society of Portrait Artists, 1997.
- Art League of Houston, 1999.