

CHRIS CRAFT - Resume

Chris Craft is an artist in Canyon Lake, TX who interprets landscape through abstract encaustic painting. In addition to selling paintings to collectors all over the US, he enjoys managing creative projects & teaching painting.

Chris' painting and design experiences include decades of various commercial & fine art applications including private and corporate commissions. Since 2014, his concentration has been on his art practice/business.

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- ART EXPERIENCE:** **Studio Artist/Painter**, with focus on encaustic painting since 2006.
Art Instructor - Painting workshops, private lessons & demonstrations to various regional arts organizations. 2014 - present.
Attended, **Simonet's Artists U**, *Arts & Science Council*, Charlotte, NC. Feb. 2015
Student, **Lisa Pressman's Encaustic Class**, *Penland School of Crafts*, Penland, NC. March 2016
- RELATED ART:** **Business Founder/Partner**, *Brushmark Studios LLC* - Originally custom painting & murals. Since 2014, fine art focus. 1997 - present.
Framer, *Dilworth Custom Framing*. 2016 - September 2020. Responsible for sales, designing & assisting Framing Manager (April 2020 became manager during COVID-19 shutdown.)
Harris Holt Framing - November 2018 - Sept. 2019.
Assistant Framer, *Cheap Joe's Art Stuff*. 2012 - 2014.
Arts Event Planner - Coordinated several art shows/pop-up events at *Ballantyne Village* art gallery & *UnionShop Studio* gallery. 2015 - 2017.
- HONORS:** **Artist Support Grant** (ASC, NCAC), *Arts & Science Council*, *North Carolina Arts Council*, Charlotte, NC, 2021/2022.
Community Supported Art (CSA), *Arts & Science Council*, Charlotte, NC, 2016.
ArtPop, Billboard, Charlotte, NC, 2016. (Artist's painting on billboard for entire year.)
Ciel Gallery, Honorable mention, Charlotte, NC, 2014. (Juried fall exhibit).
Charlotte Art League, Honorable mention, Charlotte, NC, 2013. (Juried fall exhibit).
Charlotte Art League, Honorable mention, Charlotte, NC, 2008. (Juried fall exhibit).
Matthew's Artist's Guild, Second place, Matthews, NC, 2008. (Juried members show).
Cabarrus Arts Council, Best in show, Concord, NC, 2003. (*Windows on Cabarrus Co.*).
- SELECTED SHOWS:** **Conroe Art League**, *CAL International 2022*, Megan Ebel, Juror, Conroe, TX March 2022.
McColl Art Center, *2nd Annual Benefit Juried Art Exhibit and Auction*, May 2022.
Charlotte Art League, *Juried Group show*, Charlotte, NC, 2022.
Craven Arts Council, *Art cubed*, Trista Reis Porter, Juror, May 2021
GreenHill Center for NC Art, *Winter Invitational*, Edie Carpenter, curator, December 2019.
McColl Center for Art + Innovation, Members' show, Charlotte, NC, 2016 & 2019.
UNC Charlotte-Center City, Projective Eye Gallery, CSA exhibiting artist, *Celebrating 5 years of Community Supported Art*, *Arts & Science Council*, May - July 2018.
Cornelius Arts Center, "Home Grown" Exhibit. Cornelius, NC, February - April 2018.
Aloft Hotel, *Ballantyne*, Solo show, Charlotte, NC, July 2017 - February 2018.
Catalyst High Rise, Solo show, Uptown Charlotte, NC, July 2017.
Coffey & Thompson Gallery, Group show, Charlotte, NC, May 2017.
Clearwater Artist Studios, "Earth, Wind & Fire" group show, Concord, NC, Jan. - Feb. 2017.
Gallery 27, Two person show, Lincolnton, NC, January 2016.
UnionShop Studio, Artist organized & led show, *The Collective*, 2016.
Art in the Village, *Ballantyne Village* pop up exhibitions, Charlotte, NC, 2014 - 2016.
Ciel Gallery, Juried Fall show, Charlotte, NC, 2015.
Ciel Gallery, Juried Spring show, Charlotte, NC, 2014.

Charlotte Art League, Juried Fall show, Charlotte, NC, 2008.
Matthews Artist's Guild, Member's show, Matthews, NC, 2008.
Gallery 5, Group shows, Rock Hill, SC, 2001, 2003, 2004 & 2005.

ART COMMISSIONS: *Selected Private & Commercial Collections:*

Private collection, Charlotte, NC. 2022.
Private collection, Charlotte, NC. 2021.
Private collection, Austin, TX. 2020.
Trinity Classic Homes, Deer Park, TX, 2016. (Painting commission).
Commonwealth Animal Hospital, Charlotte, NC, 2014. (Lobby mural).
Giant Penny Grocery, Charlotte, NC, 2014. (Exterior murals).
Private residence, Dallas, TX, 2008. (Mural).
Private residences, Charlotte region, 1997-2010. (Various murals/custom paintings in homes in Palisades, Lake Norman, Ballantyne, Lake Wylie & Rock Hill, SC).
First Charter Bank, Concord, NC, 2005. (Lobby paintings).
First Union Bank, Charlotte, NC, 2002. (Lobby mural).
Innovative Software Solutions, Charlotte, NC, 1999. (Lobby paintings).
AAA, Central office, Charlotte, NC, 1998. (Lobby mural).
AAA, Harris Blvd., Charlotte, NC, 1998. (Lobby mural).
AAA, Mint Hill, NC, 1997. (Lobby mural).

GALLERIES:

Gooch Gallery, *Sonesta Resort*, Hilton Head, SC, 2015 - 2022.
Charlotte Art Gallery, Online gallery, Charlotte, NC, 2020.
Coffey & Thompson Gallery, Charlotte, NC, 2016 - 2017.
Art in the Village, pop-up gallery in *Ballantyne Village*, Charlotte, NC, 2014 - 2016.
(Artist led/organized several pop up *Art in the Village* events).
Ciel Gallery, Charlotte, NC, 2014 - 2015.

ART TEACHING: *Selected Regional Arts Organizations, Businesses & Schools:*

Cheap Joe's Art Stuff, Store Grand Opening - encaustic presentation, April 2018.
Matthew's Artist's Guild, Encaustic painting presentation, January 2017.
Cabarrus Art Guild, Encaustic painting presentation, February 2017.
Waxhaw Art Guild, Encaustic painting presentation, October 2017.
Art In The Dairy, Monthly encaustic workshops, 2016 - 2017.
UnionShop Studio, Monthly encaustic workshops, 2016 - 2017.
Private Lessons, Various painting lessons from 2014 - 2022.
Ciel Gallery, Multiple encaustic workshops, 2014 - 2015.
Pfeiffer College, Encaustic painting presentation, November 2014.
Cheap Joe's Art Stuff, In-store presentations for customers, 2012 - 2014.
Cheap Joe's Art Stuff, Corporate team presentation in Boone, NC, December 2013.

PRESS:

Cabarrus Magazine, "Earth, Wind & Fire" show, January 6, 2017.
Independent Tribune, "Earth, Wind & Fire" show, article, January 10, 2017.
Cabarrus This Week, "Earth, Wind & Fire" show, video, January 15, 2017.
Assorted local press, **CSA & ArtPop**, *Arts & Science Council*, 2016.
Fox 46 News, Caroline Fountain interview, Charlotte, NC, 2014.
Concord City Magazine, Concord, NC, mural article, July, 2003.
Charlotte Observer, *Cabarrus Neighbors*, mural article, April, 2003.

EDUCATION:

BFA, *UNC Charlotte*, 1994.
AA, *The Art Institute of Houston*, Honor Graduate, 1984.