

Chris L. Lesley
Artist | Sculptor

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Related Employment

Artists at Work, Jacksonville, FL, Team Leader, Manager, 2014-present

Lead Artist over a team of artists painting murals throughout highly themed laser tag arenas across the United States. Themes have included alien spaceships, Mayan ruins, Atlantis, underwater steampunk scenes and more.

Pizzazz Scenic, Jacksonville, FL, Artist, Turn Key Artist, 2011-present

Installer for IKEA Smalland, as well as finisher for IKEA Smalland products including specialized cabinets, birdhouses, rock walls, milk pallets, fiberglass trees and all other contracted items.

The Artistree Gallery, Atlantic Beach, FL, Manager and Resident Artist, 2009-2010

Handled all day-to-day operations of a full-service art gallery including sales, promotional and marketing duties, choosing and contracting with featured artists from throughout Northeast Florida, teaching weekly figure drawing classes, planning and managing events including Art Walk exhibits and fashion shows.

Creative Environs, Jacksonville, FL, Theme Park Artist, 2006-2009

Sculpted styrofoam displays including oversized whales, sharks, pirate ships and tiki heads for clients including Hurricane Bay Water Park at Six Flags; Mutiny Bay Miniature Golf Course in Myrtle Beach, SC and Atlantis Resort and Casino in Nassau, Bahamas. Worked in all areas of fiberglass department; painted exhibits in-house and on the road; painted murals and built resin bars for 27 Cheeseburger in Paradise restaurants nationwide.

My Time Design, St. Augustine, FL, Manager, 2005-2006

Managed shop that offered vinyl images and lettering for automobiles. Clients included St. Johns County's public transportation systems and San Sebastian Winery.

ABC Graphics, St. Augustine, FL, Screen Printer, Office Manager, 2004-2005

Managed day-to-day business aspects, designed and printed clothing, caps, flags and other items on manual and automatic screen printing machines.

JC Murals, Sarasota, FL, Owner, 2000-2004

Owned and managed mural and faux finish painting business with 10 employees. Clients included primarily private owners of historic homes.

Paul Montgomery Studio, Sarasota, FL, Wallpaper Designer & Fabricator, 1998-2000

Designed, created and shipped hand-crafted wallpaper to clients worldwide. Clients primarily included internationally renowned, high-end hotels and casinos.

Scott Sign Systems, Sarasota, FL, Art Director, 1995-1998

Handled dark room, photo cleanup and fabrication aspects (including operation of CNC machine) of multiple types of indoor and outdoor signage for national clients and product lines including Disney, Calvin Klein, Hilton Hotels, Wal-Mart and International Toy Corp.

Education

Ringling School of Art & Design, Sarasota, FL, Bachelors in Illustration, 1994-1998

National Education Center, Tampa, FL, Associate of Science in Commercial Art, 1992-1994

Related Skills

Designing and building display cases, replicating and trading museum artifacts globally for museums including the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC; Ripley's Believe it or Not in St. Augustine, FL, and dozens of creation museums nationwide. Designing, building and installing theme related environments.

Artistic Achievements

Congressional Art Competition Winner, local, state and national levels

Art work featured in Rotunda Hall Gallery in the U.S. Capitol Building, Washington, DC

Art work featured in Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York