

Melanie Sojourner-Truth Atesalp

Visual Artist | Muralist | Installation Artist

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ARTIST STATEMENT

I create immersive murals and installation-based environments that function as emotional and symbolic landmarks for institutions. My work explores color as psychology, narrative as atmosphere, and scale as a tool for embodiment, transforming architectural spaces into places of reflection, curiosity, and connection.

EDUCATION

San Diego State University (SDSU), San Diego, CA

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Painting & Printmaking

Minor: Entrepreneurship (Business)

SELECTED MURALS & INSTALLATIONS

San Diego State University — Healing Gardens, San Diego, CA

Large-scale mural installation designed for a restorative campus environment.

Alice Cocktail Experience (Global)

Installation artwork and immersive murals for a narrative-driven experiential cocktail environment.

New York Life — San Diego Conference, San Diego, CA

Custom mural installation commissioned to activate a large-scale institutional event through color, symbolism, and scale.

Sony Animation Studios, Los Angeles, CA (commissioned — in development)

Commissioned mural installation design; original visual concepts and design direction currently in review.

LASIK Technology — Grammy Museum, Los Angeles, CA

Large-scale mural installation commissioned by LASIK Technology and executed at the Grammy Museum.

Charade Speakeasy, Downtown San Diego, CA

Full exterior mural spanning an entire city block.

Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, CA

Large-scale interior and exterior mural installations integrated into a hospitality environment.

Ataraxia Alehouse, San Diego, CA

Massive interior mural installation incorporating immersive visual storytelling.

La Jolla Concours d'Elegance, La Jolla, CA

Interactive mural installation with sculptural elements.

La Jolla Historic Arcade Building, La Jolla, CA

Large-scale mural integrated into a historic architectural setting.

The Template, Ocean Beach, CA

Solo art exhibition featuring original paintings; curated and installed.

LIVE & FESTIVAL-BASED WORK

Live Painting & Festival Murals — Various Locations

Designed and executed live-painted murals and large-scale artworks at music festivals and live events under high-pressure conditions.

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

- 1 Los Angeles Art Show
- 2 La Jolla Concours d'Elegance
- 3 The Do LaB — Lightning in a Bottle Festival

CLIENTS & COMMISSIONS (SELECTED)

San Diego State University • Sony • New York Life • Town and Country Hotel • Alice Cocktail Experience • Distinction Art Gallery • LASIK Technology • La Jolla Concours d'Elegance

TECHNIQUES & MATERIALS

- 1 Large-scale mural painting (interior & exterior)
- 2 Installation art & site-specific work
- 3 Scenic painting & surfacing techniques
- 4 Color mixing, matching, and theory
- 5 Sculptural integration & mixed media
- 6 Interactive and experiential design elements