

JULIA ALEXIS HUNKLER

MURALIST & FINE ARTIST

Julia Alexis Hunkler is a Portland-based muralist and fine artist whose large-scale works reclaim beauty in public spaces, weaving community narratives with immersive, vibrant imagery. With murals spanning the Pacific Northwest to the Southeast, her work reflects a deep engagement with place, storytelling, and the transformative power of art.

// PORTLAND, OREGON

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

MAJOR: CREATIVE MARKETING | MINOR: INT. MGMT.

CERTIFICATES FOR 2-D ART AND DESIGN AND 3-D ART

SANTA'ANNA INSTITUTE | SORRENTO, ITALY

CERTIFICATE OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TOURISM

NOTABLE MURAL EXPERIENCE

2026 - CLATSKANIE MURAL FESTIVAL | PSAA | OREGON

2026 - INTERNATIONAL MURAL | GOLD COAST, AUS

2026 - DEAR PORTLAND EXHIBIT | PORTLAND, OR

2025 - OCF GRANT RECIPIENT | TUCKER MAXON ELEMENTARY

2025 - 1440 SQ FT HISTORIC FB CHURCH | PORTLAND, OR

2025 - PORTLAND ALBINA LIBRARY | PORTLAND, OR

2025 - METROPOLITAN CLT | CHARLOTTE, NC

2024 - HISTORIC IRVINGTON THEATER | PORTLAND, OR

(PORTLAND'S PUBLIC ART ARCHIVE)

2024 - ONPOINT SPONSORSHIP MURAL | RIDGEFIELD, W.A.

2024 - TRUIST STADIUM | WINSTON SALEM, NC

2023 - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD

2022-24 LIVE NATIONS AMPHITHEATER | RIDGEFIELD, W.A.

2022 INTERACTIVE MUSEUM | PORTLAND, OREGON

2022 VANCOUVER MALL | VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

2022 THEATER SET DESIGN | LAKE OSWEGO, OREGON

2022 MAIN ST. MURAL | VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

2019 TRIBUTE TO VINCENT | VARNVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

RESIDENCIES

PROFESSIONAL MURALIST ACADEMY | AUSTRALIA

ARTIST RESIDENCY 2026

AMERICAN MURALIST JOHN PUGH | OREGON, USA

APPRENTICESHIP 2025

GRUNEWALD GUILD | WASHINGTON, USA

ARTIST RESIDENCY 2021

EXHIBITIONS

STELO ARTS GALLERY MURAL OREGON | 2026

JUBILEE ARTIST SHOWCASE OREGON | 2025

PORTLAND REDUX GALLERY OREGON | 2023

CHAPTER 27 GALLERY OREGON | 2021

TRIBUTE TO VINCENT 50' ft MURAL | 2019

SPIRIT SQUARE NORTH CAROLINA | 2016

THE MINT MUSEUM NORTH CAROLINA | 2015

AWARDS & ACTIVITIES

2025 - CREO ARTS GRANT RECIPIENT

2025 - WILSONVILLE PUBLIC ART GRANT RECIPIENT

2024-PRESENT - OREGON CREATIVE HEIGHTS \$74K GRANT

2023-PRESENT - DEACON OF CREATIVES | BRIDGETOWN CH.

2024, 25 - SWIFTSURE INTERNATIONAL SAILING TEAM

2021-22 CHAPTER 27 STUDIO BOARD MEMBER

2018-2020 AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOC. PRESIDENT

2020 UNCC MARKETING PLAN WINNER

2018-2019 RESIDENT ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

2016-2020 CHANCELLOR'S LIST

VISUAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR (2016)

PUBLISHED CHILDREN'S BOOK ILLUSTRATOR

UNCC RUGBY CLUB

As an Arts Administrator for municipalities for over a decade, Julia was an absolute joy to work with. She was professional, organized, and efficient in all stages of the project from design concept to installation. She worked well with staff, volunteers, and the general public when patrons were in the space. I would highly recommend Julia Hunkler for future projects. - ERIKA VALENTINE | ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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ARTIST BIOGRAPHY & ARTISTIC PRACTICE

Julia Alexis Hunkler is a North Carolina raised, Portland, Oregon based muralist and fine artist whose work turns blank walls into bold, immersive experiences. Working coast to coast, she creates large scale murals that pull from the character of its place, its people, and the stories that make it distinct. Her work is vibrant and expressive, but rooted in the belief that public art should be accessible to everyone and create a stronger sense of connection to the places we share.

Julia began working as a full time artist in 2020 after graduating summa cum laude from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a degree in Business. Since then, her practice has taken her from stadiums and concert venues to schools, theaters, city projects, and neighborhood walls. Her clients include Live Nation's Cascade Amphitheater, Truist Stadium, the City of Beaufort, Metropolitan Charlotte, the City of Portland, Historic Irvington Theater, Kroger Headquarters, the Regional Arts & Culture Council, Portland Street Art Alliance, and numerous nonprofit and community organizations.

Her artistic training has been equally varied. She completed an artist residency at the Grünewald Guild in 2021, apprenticed under renowned American muralist John Pugh in Ashland, Oregon in 2025, and completed the Professional Muralist Academy residency in Australia in 2026. She works primarily with aerosol, latex, and acrylic, combining the immediacy and energy of spray paint with the precision of large scale painting.

Much of Julia's work is rooted in collaboration. She believes the strongest murals do more than occupy a wall; they become part of the identity of a place. She works with students, residents, organizations, and project partners to uncover the stories and ideas worth putting on the wall, then translates them into imagery that can be experienced by an entire community.

She is currently leading a \$74,000 Oregon Community Foundation public art project for a Portland elementary school serving deaf and hard of hearing students. The project brings together murals and metal sculpture designed around touch, sight, and audible vibration, creating an art experience that can be encountered in more than one way.

Julia is certified in boom and scissor lift operation and carries full general liability insurance, allowing her to take on complex large scale projects from concept through installation.

At its heart, Julia's practice is about making public spaces feel alive. Whether painting a 90 foot wall, a stadium, or a school campus, she approaches each project as an opportunity to create something that could only belong there.