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Artist Statement

A combination of our vast cosmos, the natural elemental world and the Divine inspires me to paint, purely from instinct, explorations of truth, beauty and creation itself, working with my instruments of alchemy: light (all colors) and the earth's raw materials. My art career has been dedicated to inspiring ecological awareness through a combination of color and beauty—through texture and movement—a subject the world must pay attention if life on Earth is to have a fighting chance.

The primary medium of my artwork mixed-media paintings inspired by our environment, water preservation and the cosmos. Capturing a sense of the world's majestic beauty with my vivid colors and bold brush-work, my intention is to create a powerful combination of *inner and outer landscapes* that guide the viewer into a deep reflection. A long-time advocate for environmental justice, my work is more vital than ever before with the current challenges that threaten our Earth.

Art with Lórien

Art with Lórien teaches people of all ages about the wonders of color, texture, and the magic of feeling good through creative self-expression! I offer small group "live" online art classes to children ages 6-18 and also small group adult art classes. I offer private customized art classes either online or in person at my home studio. And, I am delighted to offer informative and fun art making videos on my" Art with Lórien" YouTube channel for kids of all ages.Learn more at Art with Lórien on my website- lorieneck.com

Fine Artist, 2011–Present

Lórien Eck Art & Design, Los Angeles, CA

Artist of mixed media paintings, gift products and commissioned works from Waterfront Studios™

Featured artist and producer of online art classes.

Small-business management: sales, marketing, operations, customer experience provider and administration.

Social media writer and composer, creating daily or regular updates on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, Pinterest and Twitter.

Visual Arts Teaching Experience

- 2016- Present, Art with Lórien "live" Art Classes for Kids and Adults- Online
- 2018 Co-Lead Facilitator and Course Designer Beijing, China
- 2015 Digital Art Teacher
 Susan and Eric Smidt Technology High School, Alliance College Ready
 Public Schools, Los Angeles, CA
- 2007-2012 Visual Arts Educator, West Adams Preparatory High School, Central Los Angeles, LAUSD
- 2002-2007 Visual Arts Educator, John Muir Middle School, South Central Los Angeles, LAUSD
- Visual Arts Student Teacher, Ghana International School, Accra, Ghana, West Africa

Education

- 2011-2012 Continuing Education Painting/Drawing Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, California
- Drawing and Painting CSU Summer Arts International Program, Florence, Italy
- 2006 National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT)-Early Adolescence to Young Adulthood Art
- 2006 **M. Ed.** With Honors, St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York California State Teaching Credential, Single-Subject Art, K-12

Cross-Cultural, Language and Academic Development (CLAD) Certificate

B.A. Studio Art, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California

Artist in Residency

2013 Artist in Residence, NoniLand Agriculture and Research Center, Hawaii 2011 Artist in Residence, *The Artist, The Community and The Creative Process*, St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York

Solo Exhibitions

2017 Gallery 381, Swimming Into Starlight, San Pedro, CA

2015 KO'AN Center, Santa Monica, California

2014 Lang Fine Art, Laguna Beach, California Temple of Light, Irvine, California

2013

Temple of Light, Irvine, California
Peet's Coffee and Tea, Laguna Niguel, California
Team Euro Design, Sausalito, California
San Francisco New Living Exposition
Wine and Wonder, O'Connor Mortuary, Laguna Hills, California
Magnolia Wellness Center, San Francisco, California

2012 Venice Art Crawl / Locals Night, Venice, California

Select Group Exhibitions

2017 2017	Annual CA 101, It Takes a Village, Redondo Beach, CA <i>Legacy</i> , Lang Fine Art, Laguna Beach, CA
2016	Gallery Tally, Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions, Hollywood
2015	Gallery Tally, Center for Contemporary Art, Santa Fe, New Mexico Gallery Tally, Matucana 100, Santiago, Chile

Looking Forward, Looking Back, New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe, NM,

Art in the Park, Art show, Newport Beach, CA Annual CA101, Redondo Beach, California 51st Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition, California Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, California Hale ARTS S P A C E, Santa Monica, California

Laguna Gallery of Contemporary Art, Laguna Beach, California

(En)Gendered (In) Equity Gallery Tally Poster Project, For Your Art, Los Angeles, California

2013-2014 Bridge to the Soul: The Art of Healing, Los Angeles, California
 2013 HaleARTS SPACE, Santa Monica, California

CSU Summer Exhibition, Firenze, Italy

The Mother Exhibition, Art For All People Gallery, Malibu, California

Equinox Show, Art For All People Gallery, Malibu, California
Ritz-Carlton Hotel Laguna Niguel, California
HaleARTS SPACE, Santa Monica, California

2011 HaleARTS SPACE, Santa Monica, California

Art Auctions and Charitable Work

2018	Emergency Flood Relief, Kauai, Hawaii
2015	The Peace Exchange- Sustainable Fair Trade, Laguna Beach, CA
2014	Art for Clare, Clare Foundation, Santa Monica, CA 8th annual fundraiser for addiction and recovery services

Modjeska Ranch Rescue, Annual Art & Wine Fundraiser, Modjeska Canyon, CA- dedicated to finding homes for neglected and abandoned animals.

Grapes for Grads VIII, Laguna Beach, CA-Scholarship fundraiser for college-bound students from Laguna Beach HS and LCAD

Save the Arts – LAUSD, Los Angeles, California - Benefitting underfunded arts programs in Los Angeles public schools K-12

2013 **Haight Ashbury Psychological Services**, San Francisco, California - Providing the community with access to quality mental health care.

Age Well Senior Services, Non-Profit Serving Orange County, Laguna Woods, California - Providing Meals on Wheels, Transportation, Adult Day services and Health and Wellness Programs

Whole Planet Foundation, Los Angeles, California-Various nonprofits benefiting from the support

Save the Arts – LAUSD, Los Angeles, California- Benefitting underfunded arts programs in Los Angeles public schools K-12

Grapes for Grads VI, Laguna Beach, California-Scholarship fundraiser for college-bound students from Laguna Beach HS and LCAD

2011 Save the Arts – LAUSD, Los Angeles, California - Benefitting underfunded arts programs in Los Angeles public schools K-12

Private Collections

Lórien's original artwork is in private collections throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, the UK and Asia.

Humanitarian Work

2002-Present Community Educator, Living Values Educational Program

2004-2008 Volunteer, Meditation Teacher, **International Youth Retreat**, Mt. Abu, Rajasthan, India

- 2002-2005 Volunteer, Meditation Teacher, **Women's Health and Wellness Retreats**, California
- 2002-2008 Youth Coordinator, Meditation and Art Teacher, Los Angeles Youth Group, Brahma Kumaris WSO Los Angeles
- 2003-2006 Community Service Volunteer, **KTLA Kids Day LA and Lotus Festival**, City of Los Angeles
- 2001 Volunteer, English and Art Teacher, **Biblioteca Santa Cruz La Laguna**, Lake Atitlan, Guatemala
- 2001-2007 Art Teacher, Village Outreach Program, Mt. Abu, Rajasthan, India
- 2001 Teacher Trainer, **Living Values Educational Program**, UN Refugee Camp, United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Thailand-Burma Border
- 2001-Present Founder-**World Wide Weavers**, an international arts philanthropic project to promote the arts and create economic sustainability for fine artists, craftspeople, and musicians www.worldwideweavers.com
- 1997 Volunteer, House Builder and Teacher, **Xela Aid, Nuevo Amanecer, Women's Weaving Cooperative**, San Miguel Chiquito, Guatemala

Awards and Grants

- 2006 *Teacher of the Year Award*, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Los Angeles
- 2006 *Bravo Award Honorable Mention Winner*, Visual Arts Specialist Teacher, The Music Center, Education Division, Los Angeles
- 2006 Recipient of an Instructional Technology Outreach Mini-Grant, Los Angeles Office of Education and California Technology Assistance Project
- 2008 *FEDCO Grant Recipient*, The California Foundation, Art supplies for my art classroom
- 2008-2009 *Grant Recipient*, Donors Choose, "Strike a Pose, Yoga in the Classroom", and "Living in a Digital World" classroom projects
- 2009 *Grant Recipient*, Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, (FIDM)-Funds for student projects in fashion and design

2010 Grant Recipient, Field Trip Grant and Teachers Talk! Contest,
 FIDM-Student field trip for college, over 60 students participated
 2009 Teacher Innovation Grant Recipient, MLA Partner Schools, Los Angeles- Project Founder/Coordinator of student-designed
 community labyrinth garden

Publications

2010 Contributing Author, Arts = Education: Connecting Learning Communities in Los Angeles. Irvine: CLAT Publications in association with UC Press.

2006 Author, Evaluation and Assessment in Middle-Level Art Education – Applications of Constructivist Theory, *Journal for the Practical Application of Constructivist Theory in Education*, St. Lawrence University, New York

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