

# JIM PHILLIPS

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## Summary Statement:

I am a professional artist and educator with a Master's degree in Education and extensive experience in founding and running schools based on art and culture. I am a certified evaluator for the State of Louisiana Special Education, Gifted and Talented arts programs and specialize in Visual Art, Theatre, and Music. Also, I am an portrait painter, charcoal artist, and photographer, creating since the late 1970s, with a unique technique called Mandala Photography. I have completed over 40 commissioned portraits and have exhibited my Mandala Photography since 1991. I have my own gallery, The Tower Gallery, which I built on my Folk Art Compound in St. Landry Parish using recycled and repurposed materials. The Tower Gallery is a multi-year folk art design and architectural project and is now hosting as part of an Artist in Residency. I have a strong creative drive and interest in sustainable practices.

## Experience:

Founder, Director, Teacher, and Owner | Neighborhood Montessori Schools, Inc. | San Mateo, CA | 1979-2006 • Managed academic and administrative aspects for 100+ families yearly • Developed comprehensive, hands-on, cultural and art-based learning programs • Taught music and art.

Certified Evaluator in Music, Visual Art & Theater | Louisiana Special Education, Gifted & Talented Program | All Louisiana Parishes | 2014 to Present • Served as a substitute in Talented Theatre, Lafayette Parish Gifted and Talented in 2016 • Worked as a Talented Music teacher, St. Landry Parish Gifted and Talented from 2018-2020

Portrait Artist & Photographer | California & Louisiana | 1972 to Present • Conducted multiple portrait presentations at Jim's Montessori School in California from 1979-2006 • Showcased portraits and Mandala Photography at Open Studio events in San Francisco, CA (1991) and San Mateo, CA (1992) • Displayed portraits at The Whirlybird, an underground honky-tonk in St. Landry Parish, from 2005 to present.

## Education:

Master's Degree in education | College of Notre Dame | Belmont, California | 1979 | Honors with a 3.9 GPA Bachelor of Arts (Liberal Studies) | California State University | Sacramento, CA | 1978 | Honors Montessori Teaching Credential | College of Notre Dame | Belmont, California | 1979 | Honors with a 4.0 GPA

## Skills:

• Independent professional artist, teacher, portrait artist, photographer, film/TV actor, storyteller, educator, farmer, speaker, writer, producer, and workshop facilitator • Out-of-the-box advocate for literacy and sustainable quality of life • Specializes in working with intellectually gifted students and those with exceptional talent in the visual or performing arts.

## TIMELINE

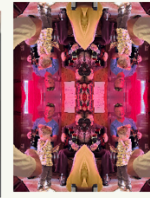
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