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## BIOGRAPHY

Michael was born in 1950 in New Jersey. He has a BA in Philosophy from Sonoma State University, an MS in Computer Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and a Ph.D. in Computer Science and Cognitive Science from the University of California, San Diego. Michael began developing software in 1973 and creating fractal art in 1985. Michael is a self-taught fractal fine artist. His images are held in private collections across the United States.

Among his many achievements, Michael was selected as a featured artist for Little Italy ArtWalk in San Diego and had the cover article in a prestigious computer graphics journal.

Michael is also a published poet and has done original theoretical work in number theory, multivalued logic, physical chemistry, semantics-based information retrieval, and the statistical analysis of baseball.

## ARTIST'S STATEMENT

Many traditional artists have embraced computer graphics to enhance representational depiction. Other digital artisans have employed these new capabilities to create previously unimagined visual abstractions. The variety of both the potential imagery and the virtual equipment for manipulating it is in effect inexhaustible. Fractal digital imagery is a relatively young yet already rich field. Though different from traditional art, this digital medium also demands a well-developed esthetic sense. Mastery of an ever-evolving toolset permits results perfecting form, color, texture, and composition.

Michael explores undiscovered worlds of exotic scenery filled with exquisite shapes in colorful profusion. This journey into the wilds of magical fractal imagery is made possible by and is a reflection of the beauty of mathematics. These intricate designs serve as snapshots capturing panoramas from the limitless uncharted realms of inner space and often feature spirals speaking spiritually to us of infinity. Michael describes his artwork as **geometric yet organic**.

## ART HISTORY

### Galleries

- 2014 - Stephen Clayton Gallery, Coronado, CA
- 2012-present – SmartSpace Gallery, San Diego, CA
- 2006 – Barros Gallery, Old Town San Diego, CA

### Juried Events

- August 2014 - Leucadia Artwalk, Leucadia, CA
- June-July 2014 – Solo Show, Encinitas 101 Gallery, Encinitas, CA, curator: Cheryl Ehlers
- June-July 2014 - Digital Art Guild “Filters and Masks” show, Pacific Beach Library, Pacific beach, CA, juror: Chantel Paul
- May-July 2014 – Photoshop Users Group show, Lyceum Theater, San Diego, CA, curator: Stephen Burns
- April-October 2014 – Jazzercise art lease program, Carlsbad, CA
- October 2013 - St. Mark's Church, San Diego, 2013 Digital Art Show “Visions of Peace,” juror: Craig Carlson
- August 2013 - Leucadia Artwalk, Leucadia, CA
- April 2013 - ArtWalk San Diego
- February-March 2013 – Digital Art Guild “To Send Light into the Darkness” Show, Balboa Park's Spanish Village Gallery 21, San Diego, CA, juror: Chuck MacPherson
- October 2012 - St. Mark's Church, San Diego, 2012 Digital Art Show "Creation Continues,” juror: Randall Cornish.
- August 2012 - Leucadia Artwalk, Leucadia, CA
- March-May 2012 – SmartSpace Gallery, San Diego, CA, curator: Howard Bagley
- March-May 2012 – San Diego Center for Jewish Culture's “Evolution in Resolution” show at the Gotthelf Art Gallery, La Jolla, CA, curator: Joe Nalven
- March 2012 – Southwestern Artists' Association's “Top 100” Show
- October-November 2011 - Digital Art Guild/Combined Organization for the Visual Arts show at the San Diego Art Institute, curator: Joe Nalven
- October-November 2011 - St. Mark's Church, San Diego, 2011 Digital Art Show "Let There be Light,” juror: Esther Beish
- October 2011 – Del Mar Taste and Art Stroll, Del Mar, CA
- September-October 2011 – La Jolla Art Association's second annual “Black and White” show, La Jolla, CA, juror: Julie Weaverling
- September 2011 - Coronado Art Walk, Coronado CA
- August 2011 - Leucadia Artwalk, Leucadia, CA
- July-August 2011 - San Diego Hospice
- October 2010 - St. Mark's Church, San Diego, 2010 Digital Art Show "Creation Continues,” juror: artist Lee Zasloff
- September 2010 - Coronado Art Walk, Coronado CA
- August 2010 - Leucadia Artwalk, Leucadia, CA
- April 2010 – Carlsbad Flower Fields Show, Carlsbad, CA
- October 2009 – Del Mar Taste and Art Stroll, Del Mar, CA
- September 2009 – University Heights Arts Open, San Diego, CA

- August 2009 - Leucadia Artwalk, Leucadia, CA
- August 2009 – Carlsbad Art in the Village, Carlsbad, CA
- June 2009 - La Jolla Festival of the Arts, La Jolla CA
- April-June 2009 - San Diego Hospice
- April 2009 - ArtWalk San Diego
- April 2009 - Oceanside Days of Art, Oceanside CA
- March 2009 – Utah Valley University's "Infinite Beauty" Show, Orem UT
- October-November 2008 - The Digital Art Guild's "Urban Legend and Country Tales" Show, Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, Bonita, CA, jurors: Don Archer, Andrew Darlow, Mel Strawn
- October 2008 - San Diego Museum of Art's Artists Guild's Fine Art Festival V, juror: Betti-Sue Hertz, Curator of Contemporary Art, San Diego Museum of Art
- October 2008 – Del Mar Taste and Art Stroll, Del Mar, CA
- September 2008 - Art Festival of Old Town San Diego, San Diego, CA
- September 2008 - ArtWalk on the Bay, San Diego, CA
- September-October 2008 - Several pieces in Brandon Gallery, Fallbrook, CA
- August 2008 - Leucadia Artwalk, Leucadia, CA
- August 2008 – "Small Works Competition," Brandon Gallery, Fallbrook, CA, juror: Tom Fong
- May 2008 – North Park Festival of the Arts, San Diego, CA
- April 2008 - ArtWalk San Diego
- March 2008 – Gaslamp Art Showcase, San Diego, CA
- January 2008 - Joint Mathematics Meetings\* Art Exhibit, San Diego, CA, jurors: Rinus Roelofs, Sculptor, the Netherlands; Robert Fathauer, Tessellations Company, Phoenix, Arizona; Anne Burns, Department of Mathematics, Long Island University, New York; Nat Friedman, Department of Mathematics, State University at Albany, New York; Reza Zarhangi, Department of Mathematics, Towson University, Maryland. \*joint annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America
- October-November 2007 - St. Mark's Church, San Diego, 2007 Digital Art Show "God's Creation is Good!," juror: Randall Cornish, graphic design educator
- September 2007 - Art Festival of Old Town San Diego, San Diego, CA
- September 2007 - ArtWalk on the Bay, San Diego, CA
- August 2007 – Leucadia Artwalk, Leucadia, CA
- April 2007 – ArtWalk San Diego
- November 2006 - San Diego Museum of Art's Artists Guild's Fine Art Festival III, juror: Scott Atkinson, Chief Curator, San Diego Museum of Art
- September-October 2006 - Digitally Propelled Ideas, Kellogg Art Gallery, California State Polytechnic University Pomona, juror: Elliott Earls, art designer
- September 2006 - Coronado Art Walk, Coronado CA, jurors: Tim Field, director of The Museum of the Living Artist, San Diego; Betty Sue Hertz, curator of contemporary art, San Diego Museum of Art; Carol McCusker, curator of photography, Museum of Photographic Art, San Diego
- September 2006 – Art Festival of Old Town San Diego, San Diego, CA
- August-September 2006 – California State Fair Fine Art Exhibition, Sacramento CA
- May 2006 - San Diego Hospice "Art of Caring" Fundraiser
- May 2006 - "La Jolla Digital" show, Village Gallery, La Jolla, CA, jurors: Gene Nocon, Brenda Regier

- November 2005 - San Diego Museum of Art's Artists Guild's Festival of Fine Art, juror: Scott Atkinson, chief curator, San Diego Museum of Art
- October 2005 - St. Mark's Church, San Diego, 2005 Digital Art Show "Let There Be Light," juror: Kathleen Blavatt, artist and author
- August–September 2005 - San Diego Museum of Art's Artists Guild Show at Palomar College's Boehm Gallery, juror: Maxine Gaiber, education director, San Diego Museum of Art
- July 2005 - "La Jolla Digital" show, Village Gallery, La Jolla, CA, juror: Daniel Foster, executive director, Riverside Museum of Art
- June 2005 - San Diego Hospice "Art of Caring" Fundraiser
- May-June 2005 - International Award Exhibition, San Diego Art Institute, juror: Derrick Cartwright, executive director, San Diego Museum of Art
- March 2005 - San Diego Museum of Art's Artists Guild's Festival of Fine Art, juror: Derrick Cartwright, executive director, San Diego Museum of Art
- June 2004 - San Diego County Fair E-Arts Exhibition, juror: Donna Cosentino
- July 2003 - San Diego Museum of Art's Artists Guild's Democratically Juried Exhibition
- July 2002 - San Diego Museum of Art's Artists Guild's Democratically Juried Exhibition

#### Other Events

- July 2013 – 8-Bit Exhibit by Artistique Theatre, San Diego, CA
- October 2011 – "Input/Output" digital art show at Main Street 5 Gallery, El Cajon, CA
- September 2011 – Digital Art Guild "MetalPhor" show at Main Street 5 Gallery, El Cajon, CA
- July-August 2010, Digital Art Guild show "Homage," Escondido Municipal Gallery, Escondido CA
- December 2009-January 2010 – Solo Show at Functional Space gallery, Escondido, CA
- June 2009 - Digital Art Guild's "Spirituality" show, Art Institute of California, San Diego, CA
- June 2009 - Digital Art Guild / Photo Arts Group show "Synthesis," Escondido Municipal Gallery, Escondido CA
- April 2009 - Seaport Village Spring Art Show, San Diego, CA
- November 2008-January 2009 - Solo Show, New Village Arts Theater, Carlsbad, CA
- November 2008 – Painted Pony Art Festival, Jamul, CA
- October 2008 - University of California San Diego Commute Solutions and Wellbeing Fair
- October 2008 - Pacific Beachfest, Pacific Beach, CA
- September 2008 - Rancho Santa Fe Art Guild's Art Fair, Rancho Santa Fe, CA
- June 2008 – Two-person show at Avalon Art & Cultural Event Center, San Diego, CA
- December 2007 - "Ray at Asian Nights" show, Gallery 504, San Diego, CA
- September 2007 - Artexpo Las Vegas
- May 2007 - Taste of the Arts Festival, Chula Vista, CA

- April 2007 - La Jolla Art Association's "Floral Rhapsody" show, La Jolla, CA
- February 2007-March 2007 - Solo Show, Grand Central Cafe, San Diego, CA
- February 2007-March 2007 - Stella Lucis Gallery, Solana Beach, CA
- December 2006 - "Ray at Asian Nights" show, Gallery 504, San Diego, CA
- September-October 2006 - Digital Art Guild / Photo Arts Group show "Multiple Universes," Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Poway, CA
- September 2006 - Rancho Santa Fe Art Guild's Art Fair, Rancho Santa Fe, CA
- June 2006 - Mission Hills United Church of Christ Art Exhibit/Sale, San Diego
- May 2006 - Taste of the Arts Festival, Chula Vista, CA
- April 2006 - ArtWalk San Diego
- March-April 2006, San Diego Hospice
- March 2006 - La Jolla Art Association's "Life Dances" show, La Jolla, CA
- October 2005 - Dawn of the Living Pixel, An Exhibition of Digital Fine Art, Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Poway, CA
- September 2005 - Los Angeles Center for Digital Art's "Snap-to-Grid" show
- September 2005 - Rancho Santa Fe Art Guild's Art Fair, Rancho Santa Fe, CA
- September 2005 - La Jolla Art Association's "Passions" show, La Jolla, CA
- June-September 2005 - Art displayed at BAE Systems, San Diego
- May-June 2005 - Digital Art Exhibition, Art Institute of California, San Diego
- May 2005 - Taste of the Arts Festival, Chula Vista, CA
- April 2005 - La Jolla Art Association New Member Show
- April 2005 - ArtWalk San Diego
- November 2004 - Digital Art Guild show at 976 Cafe, San Diego
- April 2004 - Santa Cruz Digital Arts Festival
- October and November 2003, January 2004 - Avalon Gallery, San Diego
- July 2003 - "California Digital" Exhibition at the San Diego Art Institute

#### Awards and Distinctions

- October 2013 – First Place Award, St. Mark's Church, San Diego, 2013 Digital Art Show
- May 2008 – Best in Show, North Park Festival of the Arts, San Diego, CA
- October-November 2007 - Second Place Award, St. Mark's Church, San Diego, 2007 Digital Art Show "God's Creation is Good!"
- September 2007 - Featured Artist, Art Festival of Old Town San Diego, San Diego, CA
- June 2007 - Second place and fourth place awards, San Diego County Fair Digital Art Exhibition
- May 2007 - Featured Artist, Taste of the Arts Festival, Chula Vista, CA
- April 2007 - Selected as a Featured Artist for San Diego ArtWalk 2007
- September 2006 - Winner of 3rd Place Award in Museum of Computer Art's Contest of the Month
- August-September 2006 - California State Fair Fine Art Exhibition, Sacramento CA, Award of Merit
- May 2005 - Featured Artist, Taste of the Arts Festival, Chula Vista, CA
- June 2004 - Fourth place award , San Diego County Fair E-Arts Exhibition
- July 2003 - Co-winner of People's Choice Award, San Diego Museum of Art's Artists Guild's Democratically Juried Exhibition

## Organizations

- June 2005 - Elected Vice President of San Diego Museum of Art's Artists Guild
- May 2005-December 2006 - Board of Directors of La Jolla Art Association
- 2004-present - On Executive Committee of Digital Art Guild, San Diego, CA
- November 2003-June 2006 - Board of Directors of San Diego Museum of Art's Artists Guild

## In the Media

- December 2011 – Feature article on Michael in Mindful Design architecture and interior design blog: <http://mindfuldesignconsulting.com/fractal-mathematical-imagery-art-business-interior-design-news/> (make sure you copy and paste this entire URL into your browser, including the dash at the end of the first line)
- April 2011 – Article on Michael in the online version of the San Diego Union-Tribune: <http://www.utsandiego.com/weblogs/joe-nalven/2011/apr/13/michael-sussna-revealing-the-beauty-of-a-hidden-world/> (make sure you copy and paste this entire URL into your browser, including the dash at the end of the first line)
- April 2008 - Article mentioning Michael in *La Jolla Light* weekly newspaper
- September 2007 - Interviewed on television (KUSI) about Old Town San Diego Art Festival
- September 2007 - Multiple writeups in San Diego area publications as featured artist in Old Town San Diego Art Festival
- August 2007 - One of the solo artists exhibiting at Artexpo Las Vegas to have a brief showcase in Art Business News (August issue, page 44)
- April 2007 - Interview on San Diego's Fox 6 Television morning show
- March 2007 - Article on Michael in *La Jolla Light* weekly newspaper
- Spring 2007 - Only ArtWalk 2007 artist with work selected to appear in advertising of ArtWalk by San Diego Metropolitan Transit System on all public buses and trolleys
- January/February 2007 - Cover of IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications Magazine, and article on Michael in the issue – Read it here: <http://www.computer.org/portal/web/csdl/doi?doc=abs/html/mags/cg/2007/01/mcg2007010004.htm> (make sure you copy and paste this entire URL into your browser)
- Fall 2006-Winter 2007 - One of Michael's images prominently featured on the back cover of the California State Polytechnic University Pomona "PolyTrends" Magazine, selected by the editorial staff of the magazine to represent the DPI:2006 Art Exhibit

## Miscellaneous

- September 2011-February 2012 – several pieces in St. Clair Gallery's La Mesa location, La Mesa, CA
- August-October 2011 – several pieces in District Office of Assemblyman Bryan Jones, Santee, CA
- July-August 2011 – several pieces in SmartSpace Gallery, San Diego, CA

- November 2009-February 2010 – Seven pieces in office of Functional Space, Escondido, CA
- August 2009-2013 – Twelve pieces in offices of Keller-Williams Realty in Hillcrest area of San Diego, CA
- June-August 2009 – Acappella Salon, Temecula, CA
- 2009-present – Partnership with Agape Tile of Rose Hill, North Carolina, offering Michael's art on hard-surface materials
- November 2008 - Three pieces in Lippman & Lippman Furniture, Los Angeles
- November 2008-April 2009 - Seven pieces in Solana Barber Shop, Solana Beach, CA
- June/July 2008 - Taught four workshops on creating fractal art at San Diego County Fair
- May 2006 to March 2008 - Selected works in Visions in Art Gallery, Vista, CA
- April 2006-September 2006 - Selected works in Barros Gallery, Old Town San Diego
- March and April 2006 - Selected works in SoulScape Gift & Book Store, Encinitas, CA
- September 2005 - Image selected to appear in San Diego Hospice 2006 Calendar
- August 2005 - Image used in *Going Digital: The Practice and Vision of Digital Artists* by Joseph Nalven and JD Jarvis, Thomson Course Technology
- 2004-2005 - Editor-in-Chief of Digital Art Guild's *Dualities* Book
- February 2004 - Artwork for music CD by Elivia Melodey
- Autumn 2003 - Several images in a stock image catalog produced in England
- Summer 1995 - Images sold to a company that markets designs to apparel manufacturers
- 1995 - Cover of textbook published by W.W. Norton