



## Art Teacher and Freelance Illustrator

Visual Arts teacher at Mt. San Jacinto High School, Desert Art Center fine art instructor for the middle school seasonal program, and freelance artist/illustrator for commission work and gallery exhibitions.

### Details

Taunyo Jones-Hidalgo



### Work Experience

2013 - present

Art Teacher

Mt. San Jacinto High School

- \*Cultivating an engaging and safe classroom environment that inspire creativity for grades 10-12.
- \*Create art lesson plans that align with the CA State Art Standards.
- \*Offer differentiated instruction to support ALL students.
- \*Provide a judgment free zone to inspire creativity but offer critiques through technical recommendations.
- \*Provide equitable lessons.
- \*Follow all contracted duties (monitor students at special events and field trips).
- \*Create lessons that include using various mediums and coach students in cultivating their unique vision and style through experimentation.

2022

Book Cover Illustrator

- \*Create a book cover for "The Jury of Pals: an insider's Impressions of a jury gone wild," based on the detailed description given by the author
- \*Complete cover art by given date
- \*Create cover digitally

2016 - present

Freelance artist

- \*Create art pieces to be tattooed by another artist
- \*Hand paint custom shirts and shoes
- \*Paint portraits of people, pets, landscapes

2007-2013  
Art Teacher  
Desert Hot Springs High School

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## **Education**

Master of Education and teaching credential at Azusa Pacific University  
September 2022-2025

Bachelors of Art and minor in film at University of Riverside  
September 1999-2022

## **Skills**

Curriculum Development  
Classroom Management  
Advanced in all fine art mediums  
Proficient in Photoshop  
Conversational Spanish  
Can create art exhibitions  
Reliable

**From:** [Shes Crafty](#)  
**To:** [Christina Burton](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Artist Application 23 Benches at Ocotillo Park in Cathedral City, CA  
**Date:** Monday, June 10, 2024 2:40:01 PM  
**Attachments:** [TJones RESUME.rtf](#)

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Thank you kindly for replying to my email. I hope I am not too late! I have attached my resume.

Here is my Statement of interest:

I am highly interested in this unique project because it would be an honor to help create a more vibrant and "fun" environment for my local park. I also agree that beautifying our benches will assist in making it more inviting to our already diverse community. Because I work with the youth and families in our city, I know that they love to take selfies and photos with art and painted architecture in downtown Palm Springs, so I would want them to do the same with the benches in Ocotillo Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Taunyo Jones-Hidalgo

On Fri, May 31, 2024 at 10:56 AM Christina Burton <[cburton@cathedralcity.gov](mailto:cburton@cathedralcity.gov)> wrote:

Hello Taunyo,

Thank you for your submission!

Below is the list of all requirements for submitting for this project. I see your email does have a bit about yourself and a bit about the project, so this would partially cover the requirements. However, I would suggest you send an Artist Resume and a Statement of Interest, so the Commission has everything they need to review your application. Please provide prior to the deadline of June 10, 2024. If you have any questions I would be happy to help!

[Cathedral City Public Arts Commission Seeks Painters, Muralists to Paint 23 Benches at Ocotillo Park - Discover Cathedral City](#)

A complete application includes the following:

- Artist's resume
- Statement of interest about the project

- 3-5 examples of artist's previous artwork
- Color sketch or digital image of proposed artwork

Thank you,

Christina

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**From:** Shes Crafty [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2024 10:29 AM  
**To:** Public Arts Commission <[publicartscommission@cathedralcity.gov](mailto:publicartscommission@cathedralcity.gov)>  
**Subject:** Artist Application 23 Benches at Ocotillo Park in Cathedral City, CA

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Taunyo Jones-Hidalgo and I am applying to paint one of the 23 benches at Ocotillo Park. I have worked as an art teacher for the Palm Springs School District for 18 years. I teach 11th and 12th graders at Mt. San Jacinto High School and I also teach art to 6th graders for a seasonal program with the Desert Art Center in Palm Springs. I just moved to Cathedral City a couple of years ago and I LOVE it. I would be honored to have my art on one of the benches in the city I proudly live in.

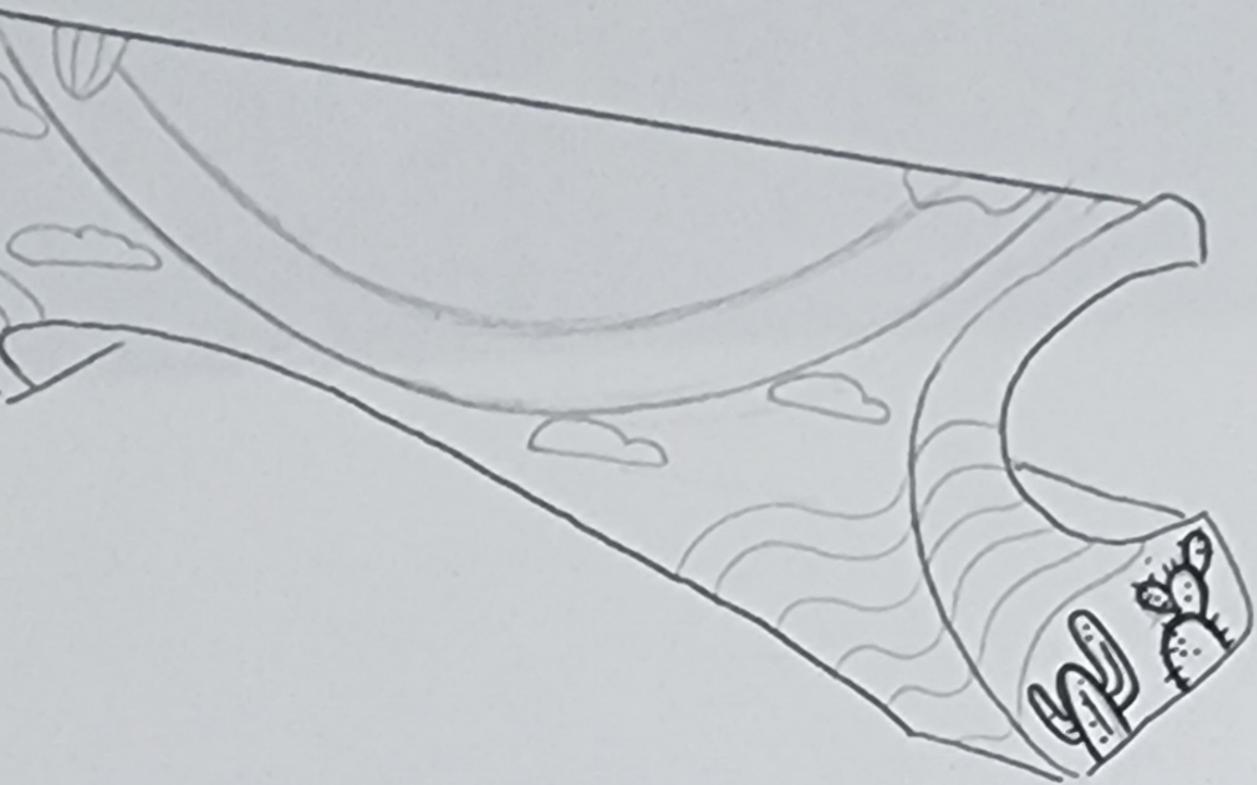
I have been inspired by the all inclusiveness of the city, beautiful landscapes and sunsets, and the diverse population in the area. I myself, am Asian and Irish and feel very welcomed and comfortable in this city.

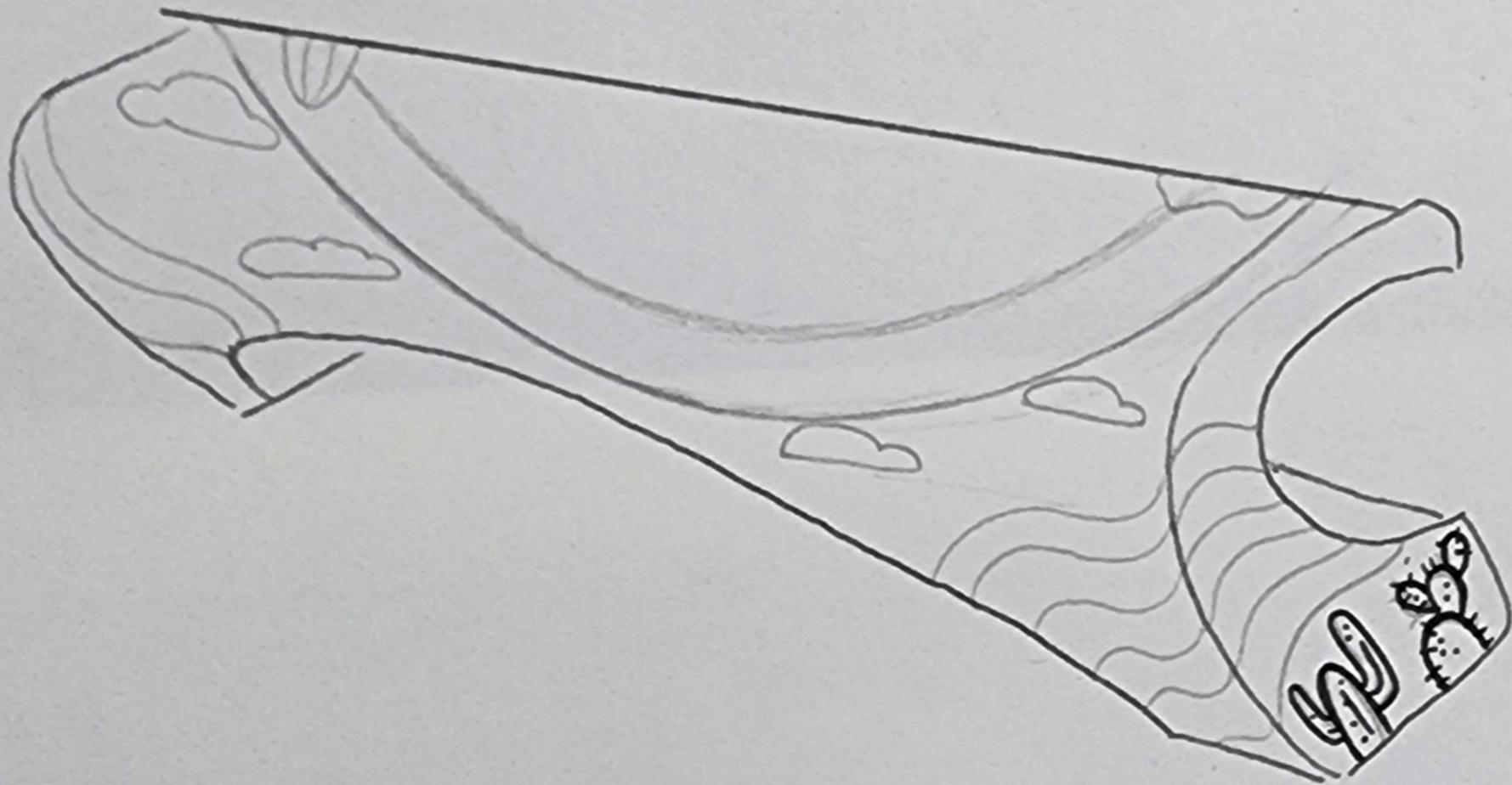
My design will celebrate Cathedral City by being colorful, vibrant and bold. I have attached a small sketch and sample, close up. I have also attached some of my past art works.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Taunyo Jones-Hidalgo











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