

## Mission Statement

Painting for Life is dedicated to illuminating the richest joys and truths about living. We value life and strive to showcase this through our art. We also paint for life, as we will be artists until the day that we die. Finally, we paint for The Way, The Truth, and The Life, as we dedicate all of our work to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gives us Life, as well as the gifts of which we share with you. A portion of all sales will go to support the work of national and international non-profit relief organizations.

## History

Painting for Life was founded on August 25, 2004 by Benjamin Hummel and Cherish Flieder, both artists, whose work can be enjoyed on this site. Benjamin Hummel, suffers from chronic and debilitating illness, frequently resulting in pain. Painting allows him to deal with his illness and to focus on the blessings of life. Cherish Flieder grew up helping her mother raise special needs foster children, and the tender innocence of childhood can be observed through her work.

## The Artists

### Cherish Flieder

enjoys creating works of art that inspire and enrich the lives of her audiences. Cherish has a passion to expand her research capabilities to create conceptual and intriguing artwork. She studied fine art (specializing in the areas of painting & drawing, design, and illustration) and critical thinking at Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design (BFA) and Colorado Christian University (BFA). Cherish closely integrates her knowledge of many techniques including traditional watercolors, oil paints, and pastels to create amazing original paintings. The end results are always vibrant, lyrical, and delightful images. Her award winning work has been showcased in many nationally distributed books and magazines.

### Benjamin Hummel

is an accomplished artist who depicts the charms and nostalgia of history in his detailed paintings. He is an experienced student of history as he works with various historical organizations to dig up the information necessary to recreate life as it once was. The way Benjamin layers his humor and wit into his original oil paintings has often been compared to the delightful images of Norman Rockwell. Benjamin studied fine art in illustration at Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design (BFA). Since then, his paintings have received various awards from local institutions and have been featured in several books and magazines.