



## Art Changes our World

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Living Legends of Aviation Awards

Art and Aviation do have the power to effect positive change in the world. This is especially valuable during a time when numerous fundraisers, non-profit events, and airshows are canceled.

Airshow pilot and entrepreneur Jared Isaacman ingeniously combined his wish to help cancer kids with his life-long dream of exploring space. Last year he led the Inspiration4 SpaceX mission, raising over \$200 million for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, pledging \$100 million from his pocket.

In recognition of these outstanding accomplishments, Kiddie Hawk Air Academy awarded Jared Isaacman the Eren

Ozmen Entrepreneur of the Year award at the 19th Annual Living Legends of Aviation Awards 2022 in Beverly Hills.

To mark this moment, Michelle Rouch created a unique piece of artwork, titled "Golden Inspiration," depicting the SpaceX Inspiration4 capsule splashdown to Earth. Michelle Rouch, an engineer/illustrator, captures the emotions of a thriving rich aerospace world on Earth and beyond. In 2021 Rouch was awarded American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Associate Fellow for her notable 20 years of art and science contributions to the aerospace community and published her first children's book "Astronaut Al Travels to the Moon" with the author, Apollo 15 Astronaut Al Worden.



Michelle Rouch's "Golden Inspiration" with Inspiration4 astronauts: Sian Proctor, Jared Isaacman, Hayley Arceneaux (Image courtesy of Alexander Cook, LLOA).

Royalty was inducted into the Living Legends with the Astronaut-Prince known as Prince Sultan bin Salman, the payload specialist for the STS-51G Shuttle. He and Shuttle Discovery's international crew shared an extraordinary feeling as they looked upon planet Earth from space.

*"The first day we all pointed to our countries. The third or fourth day we were pointing to our continents. By the fifth day, we were aware of only one earth."*

– HRH Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud



John & Heidi Dowd, Artist of Energy Mimi Stuart, Living Legend Hamish Harding with Stuart's "One Earth" diptych with 24k gold, silver, copper, mica flakes, ruched fabrics, eggshells, and abalone shells. (Image Courtesy of LLOA)

Ever since the first space mission, astronauts have echoed this revelation as they gazed upon our "little blue marble" with no visible borders. Sultan bin Salman's famous quote has helped foster a shift in awareness regarding the stewardship of the home planet we share.

Inspired by these words, artist Mimi Stuart created "One Earth" to honor the Sultan's induction into the Living Legends of Aviation. Her EOS – Energy of Subject style – diptych uses precious metals and organic materials to depict the fragile gemlike quality of Earth.

Living Legends of Aviation continues to bring together aviators, entrepreneurs, and out-of-the-box thinkers to benefit charities and scholarships, celebrating those who "dare to dream."

As Kiddie Hawk Air academy President Kyle Lips says, "We celebrate those who dared to dream and now inspire others to follow in their footsteps."

#### Team Aero Brush

Kiddie Hawk Air Academy, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to sparking kids' interest in aviation. Living Legends is known for bringing together "aviators who have become celebrities and celebrities who have become aviators" to raise money for Kiddie Hawk Air Academy. The guest list reads like a veritable Who's Who, with the Ambassador of Aviation John Travolta joining legends, Harrison Ford, Morgan Freeman, Tom Cruise, Dr. Buzz Aldrin, Sean D. Tucker, Lynn Tilton, Kurt Russell, Burt, and Dick Rutan, Kermit Weeks, Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, Sir Richard Branson and other award-winning legends in the audience. Kiddie Hawk Air Academy recognizes today's aviation legends by sharing inspirational stories. For more information about the organization: <https://kiddiehawk.org>



Host John Travolta the "Official Ambassador of Aviation," Founder Jerry Lips, Emcees Sean Tucker & Danny Clisham, and country music star Aaron Tippin honoring inductees to the Living Legends of Aviation at the Beverly Hilton Ballroom. (Image courtesy of LLOA)