

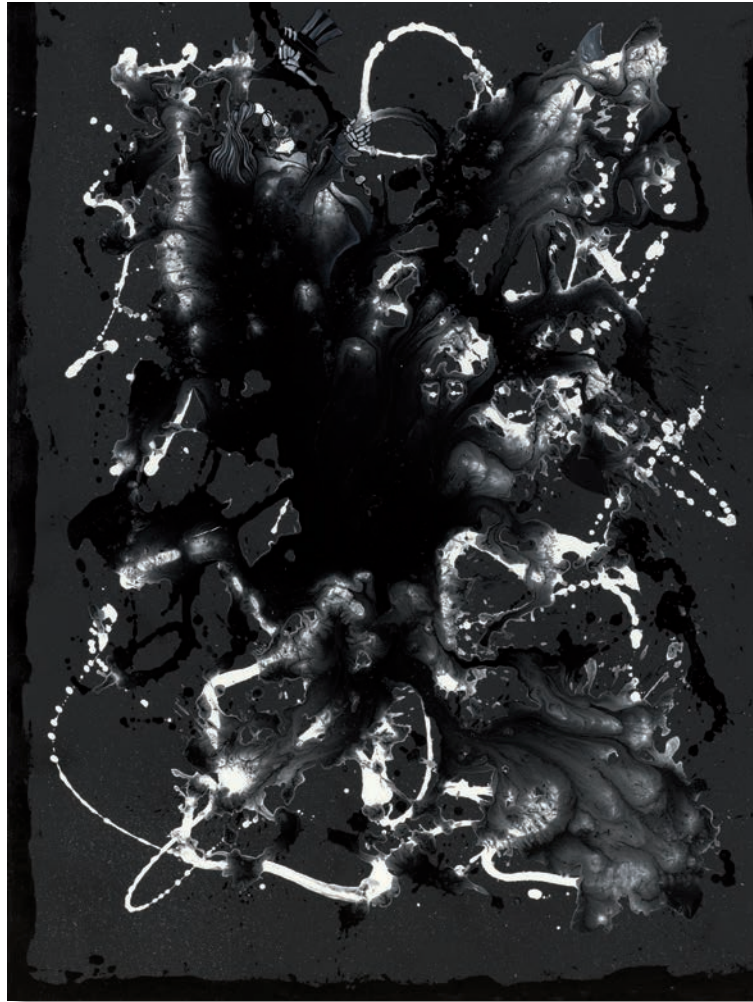
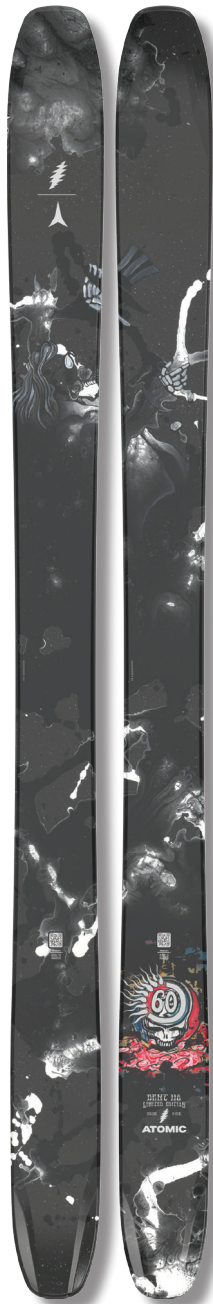
*THE FINE ART OF
CHRIS BENCHETLER*



ILLUMINATING THE THREADS OF CONNECTION

Welcome to Chris Benchetler's mind—"Illuminating the Threads of Connection"—an exhibition that delves into the last six years of Chris Benchetler's creative journey. Known for his multifaceted artistry that spans painting, filmmaking, skiing, and design, Chris invites us into a world where intuition and interconnectedness guide the creative process. This retrospective showcases his reflective works, collaborations with other likeminded artists, photographers, designers, and many more pioneering concepts of his own—offering an intimate glimpse into the powerful themes that shape his human existence.

At the heart of Chris's work is an instinctual approach to creation—a process where ideas emerge organically, one brushstroke, turn, or frame at a time. His art is a tapestry of layered elements: colors, emotions, light, shadow, and movement, all combined to evoke a resonance that transcends language. Whether navigating untouched snow, capturing the interplay of light and darkness, or weaving surreal concepts and landscapes with paint, Chris's work communicates what words cannot.



UNCLE BILL
Chris Benchetler | 2024 Acrylic on Canvas
Image Size: 44" x 36" / Framed Size: 47.75" x 39.75"



RIPPLE IN TIME
Chris Benchetler | 2024 Acrylic on Canvas
Image Size: 72" x 36" / Framed Size: 75.75" x 39.75"





WALTZ WITH THE WILD
Chris Benchetler | 2024
Acrylic on Canvas
Image Size: 72" x 120"
Framed Size: 75.75" x 123.75"



KALEIDOSCOPIC REVIVAL

Chris Benchetler | 2022 Acrylic on Canvas
Image Size: 72" x 60" / Framed Size: 75.75" x 63.75"



AFTER THE BURN

Chris Benchetler | 2026 Acrylic on Canvas
Image Size: 29" x 66" / Framed Size: 33.25" x 70"

CONNECTIONS TO THE NATURAL WORLD

Nature's systems – mycelial networks, forest ecosystems, and flowing water – serve as metaphors for the profound interdependence of all living things. Through these themes, Chris draws attention to the invisible threads linking the rhythms of the natural world to our own lives.



ANCIENT WHISPERS

Chris Benchetler | 2023 Acrylic on Canvas
Image Size: 48" x 36" / Framed Size: 51.75" x 39.75"



ECHOES IN INK

Chris Benchetler | 2026 Alcohol Ink
Image Size: 14" x 11" / Framed Size: 14.5" x 17.5"



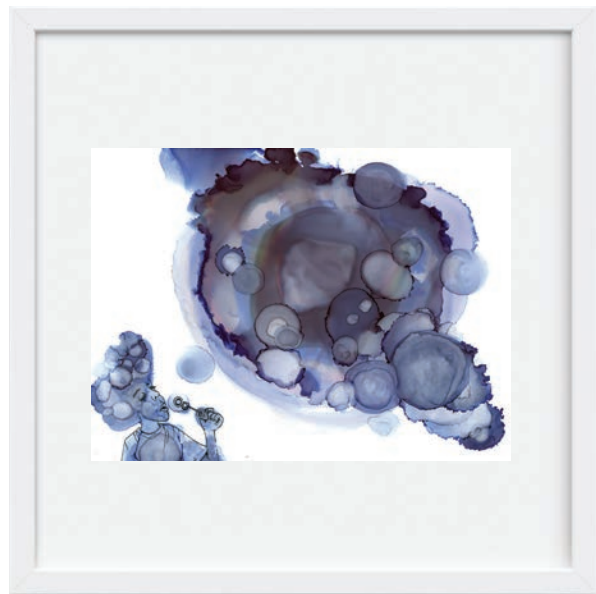
MOSS AND BONE

Chris Benchetler | 2026 Alcohol Ink
Image Size: 14" x 11" / Framed Size: 14.5" x 17.5"



DON'T TELL ME THIS TOWN AINT GOT NO HART

Chris Benchetler | 2024 Acrylic on Canvas
Image Size: 72" x 60" / Framed Size: 75.75" x 63.75"



(clockwise from top left)

THE WEIGHT OF WONDER

Chris Benchetler | 2026 Alcohol Ink
Framed Size: 13" x 13"

BRIGHTER THAN TOMORROW

Chris Benchetler | 2026 Alcohol Ink
Framed Size: 13" x 13"

TETHERED TO A DREAM

Chris Benchetler | 2026 Alcohol Ink
Framed Size: 13" x 13"

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VIRIDIAN VOID

Chris Benchetler | 2026 Alcohol Ink
Framed Size: 13" x 13"

WHERE BUBBLES ARE BORN

Chris Benchetler | 2026 Alcohol Ink
Framed Size: 13" x 13"

DOCTOR DARKNESS

Chris Benchetler | 2026 Alcohol Ink
Framed Size: 13" x 13"



RHAPSODY OF SEASONS

Chris Benchetler | 2023
Acrylic on Canvas
Image Size: 53" x 85"
Framed Size: 56.75" x 88.75"



LIQUID BLOOM

Chris Benchetler | 2026 Alcohol Ink and Acrylic
Image Size: 14" x 11" / Framed Size: 17.5" x 14.5"



NIGHTFALL OF DIAMONDS

Chris Benchetler | 2024 Acrylic on Canvas
Image Size: 84" x 60" / Framed Size: 87.75" x 63.75"



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UNTITLED 23, 16, 13, 9, 8, 4

Chris Benchetler | Various years
Watercolor
Framed Size: 13" x 13"

(clockwise from top left)

UNTITLED 31, 3, 11, 27, 10, 12

Chris Benchetler | Various years
Watercolor
Framed Size: 13" x 13"



BULL MOON

Chris Benchetler x Todd DiCiurcio | 2025
 Acrylic on Canvas
 Image Size: 72" x 60" / Framed Size: 75.75" x 63.75"



FIND PEACE IN CHAOS

Chris Benchetler | 2024
 Acrylic on Canvas
 Image Size: 48" x 36" / Framed Size: 51.75" x 39.75"



ADRIFT

Chris Benchetler | 2022
 Acrylic on Canvas
 Image Size: 12" x 12" / Framed Size: 15.75" x 15.75"
 Permanent Museum Collection | MOCA Jax



WEATHERED WISDOM

Chris Benchetler | 2024
 Acrylic on Up-Cycled Well-Worn Arc'teryx Jackets and Pants
 Image Size: 60" x 60" / Framed Size: 63.75" x 63.75"

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

Chris has been a longtime admirer of the Grateful Dead. Their music has formed the soundtrack to his life and the band's ethos of collaboration, improvisation, and community has inspired much of Chris' work over the years.

This respect and appreciation is what led Chris to create 'Fire on the Mountain' in 2019, and most recently 'Mountains of the Moon' – both visual art pieces honoring the band, with a score comprised entirely of their music. Through these projects, Chris was chosen to design their 60th Anniversary logo, alongside a multi-year creative collaboration with Grateful Dead drummer Mickey Hart. This culminated with one of Chris' iconic pieces – Waltz with the Wild – represented as a stained glass cathedral inside the Las Vegas Sphere for 'Drums in Space' during Dead & Company's residency.

These projects have also provided an incredible opportunity to blend the individual artistry and perspectives of some of the best athletes and creatives in the world, all harmonizing their ideas into dynamic and cohesive collaborations. Mickey Hart, Todd DiCiurcio, Jay Blakesberg, Chris Burkard, Ben Moon, Todd Glaser, and several others have all come together to create a number of impactful pieces that would have never emerged in isolation.

(Opposite Page)

Drums in Space / **Mickey Hart**
Photographer / **Jay Blakesberg**
Artist / **Chris Benchetler**
Animation / **Animorf**





INVASION

Chris Benchetler x Mickey Hart | 2025
Acrylic on Masonite
Image Size: 36" x 24" / Framed Size: 40" x 28"



RUSTED JADE

Chris Benchetler x Mickey Hart | 2025
Acrylic on Canvas
Image Size: 36" x 24" / Framed Size: 40" x 28"



THE HOLLOW VOYAGER
Chris Benchetler x Mickey Hart | 2025
Acrylic on Masonite
Image Size: 36" x 36" / Framed Size: 39.75" x 39.75"



DRAGON WITH MATCHES
Chris Benchetler x Jay Blakesberg | 2025
Acrylic over Photo Composite on Canvas
Image Size: 48" x 34" / Framed Size: 52" x 38"



DRAWN SOULRIDE DRAG

Chris Benchetler x Todd DiCiurcio | 2025
 Acrylic on Linen
 Image Size: 40" x 60" / Framed Size: 43.75" x 63.75"



HEADAGE

Chris Benchetler x Todd DiCiurcio | 2025
 Acrylic on Canvas
 Image Size: 36" x 36" / Framed Size: 39.75" x 39.75"

MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON

A CHRIS BENCHETLER
FILM EXPERIENCE





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Photographer / **Aaron Blatt**
Athletes / **Chris Benchetler, Mickey Hart**

(Opposite, clockwise from top left)
Photographers / **Aaron Blatt,**
Cody Mathison, Aaron Blatt, Cody Mathison

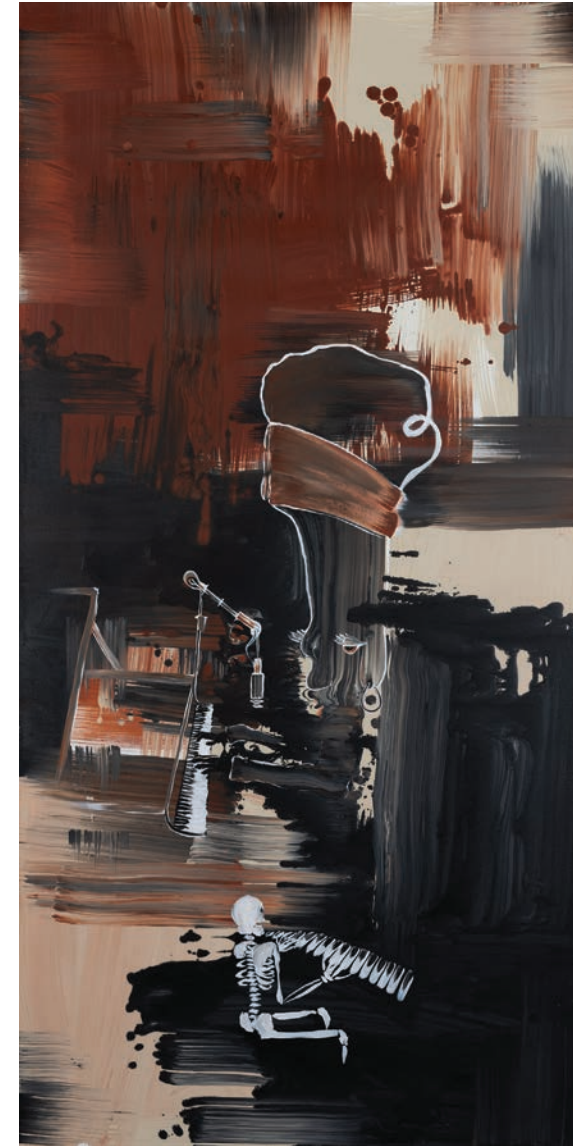
CREATION IN DARKNESS

Chris's nighttime creations turn the absence of sunlight into an infinite canvas. Sculpting light in the dark allows him to craft landscapes that feel otherworldly yet deeply familiar, inviting viewers to see the world in ways they've never imagined.

From mountain peaks to ocean depths, this exhibition explores the interconnected rhythms of life and celebrates the pulse of existence that unites us all. Chris Benchetler invites us to step into his world—a place where intuition guides creation, light reveals unseen wonders, and connection is the common thread. It is not about finding perfect clarity but about feeling...an echo of something shared, a spark of recognition in the unfamiliar.

Chris's work challenges us to see beyond the surface, to embrace the ineffable, and to trust in the unspoken connections that bind us to one another, to nature, and to the creative spirit itself.

Photographer / **Aaron Blatt**



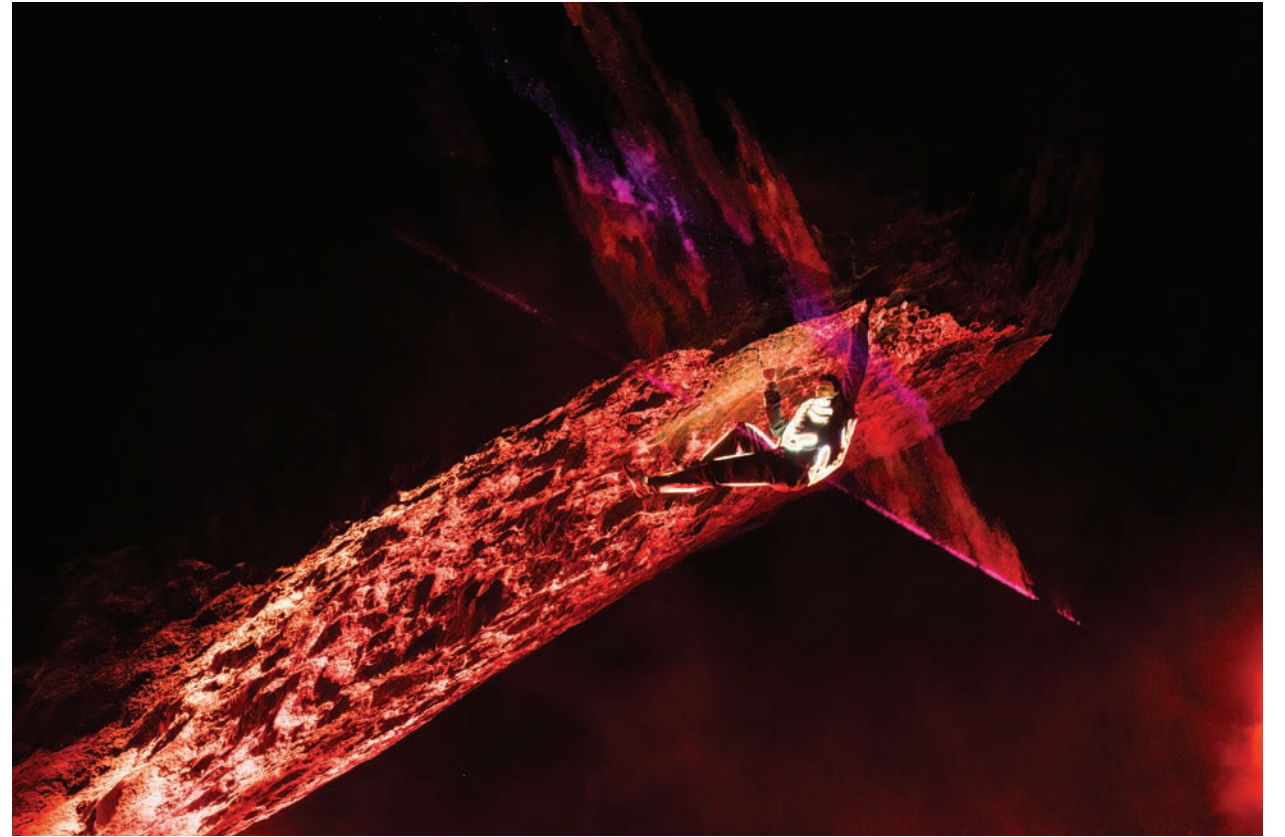
SINNERMAN

Chris Benchetler | 2025 Acrylic on Canvas
Image Size: 72" x 36" / Framed Size: 75.75" x 39.25"



EROSION

Chris Benchetler x Mickey Hart | 2025
Acrylic on Canvas
Image Size: 21.5" x 24" / Framed Size: 24.75" x 27.75"



Photographer / **Christian Pondella**
Athlete / **Hamish McArthur**



Photographer / **Christian Pondella**
Athlete / **Chris Benchetler**



ETERNAL SYMPHONY
Chris Benchetler | 2023 Acrylic on Canvas
Image Size: 72" x 60" / Framed Size: 75.75" x 63.75"



SKELETONS FROM THE CLOSET

With his skeletal imagery, Chris explores the universal frameworks that connect us all. Stripped to their essence, skeletons represent shared humanity - a reminder of the energy and light that courses through us all. His glowing skeleton suits and nighttime cinematography transform the unseen into the extraordinary, using light to reveal hidden textures, contrasts, and emotions.

(clockwise from above)

Photographers / **Christian Pondella,**
Chris Burkard, Todd Glaser, Lear Miller





Photographer / **Todd Glaser**
Athlete (L to R) / **Rob Machado, Chris Benchetler**

Photographer / **Todd Glaser**
Athletes / **Rob Machado, Chris Benchetler**





Photographer / **Mason Mashon**
Athlete / **Kimi Werner**



Photographer / **Mason Mashon**



SHADOWS IN THE GARDEN

Chris Benchetler x Ben Moon | 2025
 Acrylic on Canvas
 Image Size: 39.5" x 28.5" / Framed Size: 42.5" x 31.5"



Photographer / **Ben Moon**



(clockwise from top left)

Photographers / **Chris Burkard,**
Lear Miller, Chris Burkard

ROOTED IN THE COSMOS

Chris Benchetler x Chris Burkard | 2025
Acrylic over Photo Composite on Canvas
Image Size: 28" x 18" / Framed Size: 31.75" x 21.75"





UNTITLED 22

Chris Benchetler | 2024
Pen & Ink on Paper
Framed Size: 13" x 13"



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