



# Alumni Update 2006



## + Art Exhibition

The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale's Alumni Association is hosting the 2006 Alumni Art Show and Exhibition April 29th to May 17th. You can submit up to 3 pieces of original artwork to be displayed in the Mark K. Wheeler Gallery for this event. Due to limited space, please enter your artwork by April 24, 2006 and all artwork must arrive by 5:00pm, on Friday, April 28th at The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale. Although we want the alumni show to reflect the commercial nature of the training received at The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, fine art also plays an important role in the show. Entries can be mailed or hand-delivered to The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale but it is your responsibility to collect your artwork by May 18th, or to include return mailing materials, postage, and insurance.

## + Refresher Courses

The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale's Alumni Association offers refresher courses throughout the year to The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale graduates. The courses are organized learning experiences that are designed, planned, and intended to meet educational and industry standards. They are carefully coordinated by current instructors to enhance previous knowledge with current methods, theories, and practices. For the fourth consecutive year, the Alumni Association is hosting refresher courses for The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale graduates at no charge. This year, the courses offered are Adobe Photoshop CS2, Adobe Illustrator CS2, and AutoCAD. These courses emphasize many of the new additions to these programs and require basic previous knowledge of the programs. The courses are offered on Saturday, May 6th starting at 8:00am- 6:00pm. Please contact the Alumni Association at (954) 308-2213, to R.S.V.P. Seating is limited.

## GREETINGS ALUMNI



*I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new president at The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale. My name is Chuck Nagele. I was previously the president of The Art Institute of California - San Francisco and The Art Institute of Toronto which was the first Art Institute in Canada.*

*It is a real pleasure to be here working with students and alumni in one of The Art Institutes largest and longest standing schools. The alumni from The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale have an impressive record of accomplishments in their fields of study and it is always a pleasure to meet alumni who come back to the school for a visit or as employers hiring our graduates.*

*I do understand that not all of our alumni are from the South Florida area and that you are located all over North America and the world for that matter. That is one of the values to our alumni of being a graduate from a school system with over 32 locations throughout North America. We are here to help you in your employment searches and you are always welcome to visit The Art Institutes. In fact, while at The Art Institute of California - San Francisco, we were visited by numerous Art Institutes alumni from around the country as they were pursuing employment opportunities in the Bay Area.*

*As the new president at The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, you have my commitment that we will continue to support our alumni as we always have in the past. I am always interested in meeting alumni and if you are in the area, please stop by the school so we can meet. We do enjoy having you come back to the school as either guest speakers or as industry panelists who can keep our students up-to-date on industry trends.*

Sincerely,

Chuck Nagele

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## + Reception

The reception is from 5:00-8:00pm, on Friday, May 5th in conjunction with the 2006 Alumni Art Show and Exhibition. Refreshments will be served and guests are invited. RSVP is not required to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact:  
**Alumni Association**  
**954.308.2213**

**MAY 5-6**  
**Reunion Weekend**

## Stay Connected

Have you moved since you graduated from The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale?

Do you know a graduate of The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale who isn't getting our newsletters? For us to stay in touch with you, we need you to stay in touch with us! If your contact information changes, whether an email, phone number, or address, please contact the Director of Alumni Relations Joel Nemes, at (954) 308-2107 or [nemesj@aifl.edu](mailto:nemesj@aifl.edu). It is the mission of The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale's Alumni Association to promote relations among The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, its alumni, faculty, and current students for the purpose of supporting growth through networking, mentoring, continuing education and community awareness. Our services include reunions, refresher courses, newsletters, alumni seminars, alumni merchandise, career resources event's calendar, recognition awards, guest speaking opportunities, gallery exhibition, and judging opportunities. Keeping your contact information up-to-date will allow us keep you informed! You can also check our website at [www.aifl.edu](http://www.aifl.edu), under Alumni and then Activities, to download a copy of our newsletter or to find out more information on our upcoming activities.

## Need a Transcript?

Official transcripts are printed on official watermark paper and include an official signature and school seal. These transcripts are usually requested when a student (or graduate) wishes to attend another college or needs an official copy for an employment position in which they are applying. The cost for an official transcript is \$5.00 per transcript.

Unofficial transcripts are usually requested for student (or graduate) personal use only and do not contain a school seal or official signature. These transcripts may quickly be obtained by faxing, mailing or simply visiting the Registrar's office at your convenience.



Visit our website at [www.aifl.edu](http://www.aifl.edu), and click on Alumni followed by request a transcript for further information.

## What Are They Doing Now?

The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale recognizes its alumni success according to the personal goals and dreams that the individual sets out. The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale alumni success stories include business owners, educators, freelancers, and dedicated employees. We post our alumni success stories on the The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale website [www.aifl.edu](http://www.aifl.edu), under Alumni and then under Success Stories. These stories are a wonderful way for you to let your former classmates and/or instructors know what you've been up to and also publicize your work and/or business. We would be delighted to post your professional/personal success story. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the Director of Alumni Relations Joel Nemes, at (954) 308-2107 or [nemesj@aifl.edu](mailto:nemesj@aifl.edu).



## Online & In Touch

The easiest way to stay connected to The Art Institutes is via the Alumni Connections Online Community. You can get to this site directly by going to [www.alumniconnections.com/artinstitutes](http://www.alumniconnections.com/artinstitutes) or you can go to [www.aifl.edu](http://www.aifl.edu), and then click on Alumni followed by Alumni Online Community.

To access the site you must first register. Easy-to-follow steps are listed on the main page and you only need to provide your name and graduation year. Alumni can access the site approximately 90 days after their graduation date.

Features of the website include:

[Online Directory](#) - Search for former classmates

[Events Calendar](#) - List events occurring at The Art Institutes nationwide

[Class Notes](#) - Share personal and professional news about your life and career or view notes of others

[Permanent E-Mail](#) - Personal e-mail address that will never change and includes a forwarding system

[Career Center Services](#) - Job and resume postings, information for career development, and find or become a mentor

[Yellow Pages](#) - Find products and services advertised by fellow alumni and members or post your own listing for FREE.

[Member Services](#) - Password, user ID, and review the member agreement

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