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## Local Resident Painting for Royal Highness of Saudi Arabia



Artist, Danielle Eubank

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Can you imagine what it would be like to create a piece of art work for the Royal Highness, Prince General Khaled bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia? Danielle Eubank, an artist who lives and works in Tujunga, while maintaining a studio in London, has had the great privilege of doing so.

What exactly is it that she paints that has the Prince General

of Saudi Arabia interested in her work? It may be any number of subjects, including, as revealed on her website, Ms. Eubank's adroit ability of creating paintings that capture "the essence of light and water, resting on the line between abstraction and representation." Ms. Eubank states that the behavior of one of the greatest elements in the world, water, is what continuously engages her to paint masterpieces of streams, channels, ponds, rivers, and seas.

Aside from having the unique opportunity of creating a series of paintings for the Prince General of Saudi Arabia, as noted in her biography and quite extensive c.v. (Circumvitae), Ms. Eubank, a 1994 UCLA graduate, has also produced portraits for Standard Chartered Bank and the Naval and Military Club in London. She continues to be among the most popular exhibitors at the prestigious Thompson Gallery, London, England.

Ms. Eubank is motivated by creating memorable images that "grow and unravel over a period of time while provoking the viewer into a heightened awareness of his or her experience in front of the canvas." Her recent work "highlights questions of propinquity, which brings the subject right up to the surface of the canvas, nearly into the viewer's space."

In addition to water themes, Ms. Eubank also paints landscapes, people, and animals. Upon viewing many of her paintings, which are available for purchase on her website, persons enjoying the displays might become fooled into thinking that some of her artwork is of such beautiful, precise, articulate quality, they may be left wondering whether they are, indeed, witnessing paintings or photographs.

Also, Ms Eubank has been an artist in residence in Bali, an Indonesian island, and has already "sailed ten thousand miles around the continent of Africa on the Borobudur Ship, a replica of an eighth century Indonesian wooden boat."

In the coming autumn she will experience the pleasure of sailing as an Expedition Artist on the Phoenicia, which is a six hundred B.C. Phoenician vessel. The ship will sail from the Mediterranean, through the Suez Canal, around Africa and back into the Mediterranean. Then in the summer of two thousand and nine, she will "set sail on another voyage to bring the Phoenicia to the United Kingdom," as affirmed by her website.

Ultimately, creating paintings for the Royal Highness and for other prestigious people and organizations around the globe is an occupation like no other. Danielle Eubank has the opportunity to travel and stay connected with the environment by creating astonishing pieces of artwork people around the world all enjoy. Much of what you have read here was provided by Ms. Eubank's website. For further information about Danielle Eubank please visit [www.danielleeubank.com](http://www.danielleeubank.com).