

PRESS KIT

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ABOUT CHRISTINA PAPPION

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SHORT BIO

Christina Pappion is New Orleans' #1 live wedding painter and one of the most versatile working artists in the South. With over 15 years of professional experience, Christina has painted hundreds of weddings for thousands of guests at celebrated venues across the United States — from New Orleans plantation estates and French Quarter courtyards to destination weddings in Chicago, Charleston, Biloxi, Maui, and Nashville.

Ranked a Top 10 Live Wedding Painter in the World by Feedspot (2026), Christina brings the same level of artistry and professionalism to every wedding that has made her the trusted choice of NFL players, NBA organizations, Fortune 500 brands, and Super Bowl LIX activations. Her work has been featured in Martha Stewart Weddings, Munaluchi Bride, Mississippi Magazine, Southern Bride, New Orleans Magazine, St. Charles Avenue Magazine, Inside New Orleans Magazine, and NOLA.com.

As the first My Cause My Cleats artist for the New Orleans Saints, designer of the last-ever New Orleans Pelicans paper season ticket signed by Zion Williamson, and the artist behind brand activations for Amazon AI, Entergy, Dunkaroos, and Dixie Beer, Christina Pappion is not simply a wedding painter — she is a cultural force whose brushstroke has touched some of the most celebrated moments in New Orleans history.

FULL BIO

Christina Pappion is a New Orleans-born artist whose work has touched some of the most celebrated moments in sports, culture, and love — from the floor of Caesars Superdome to the altars of destination weddings across the country.

Founder of Pappion Artistry LLC, Christina has spent over 15 years building a body of work that defies a single category. She is simultaneously New Orleans' #1 ranked live wedding painter, a nationally commissioned sports and brand artist, a Mardi Gras krewe poster icon, and a community advocate whose impact on the cultural fabric of New Orleans runs deep.

She has stood in the grand rotunda of Preston Bradley Hall in Chicago, painting live as a professional baseball player married the love of his life. She has painted on the floor of Caesars Superdome during Super Bowl LIX weekend, creating custom shoes for Amazon AI executives. She has painted permanent murals inside Smoothie King Center — her name on the wall — and watched Zion Williamson sign the last paper season ticket she designed for the Pelicans.

A proud New Orleans native and graduate of Mount Carmel Academy and the University of New Orleans (BFA, Dean's List), Christina is also a community builder. She co-founded The Beautiful Foundation with her mother, helped launch the first Teen Council at NORDC, and facilitated the "Trust Your Crazy Idea" program at Junior Achievement New Orleans before transitioning to full-time professional artistry.

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— Christina Pappion, Founder of Pappion Artistry LLC

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NOTABLE COMMISSIONS

A 15-year career built on once-in-a-lifetime moments

15+	Hundreds	Top 10	#1
Years Experience	Weddings Painted	Worldwide — Feedspot	New Orleans

RANKINGS & RECOGNITION

- Ranked #8 — Top 45 Live Wedding Painter Worldwide — Feedspot 2026
- #1 Ranked Live Wedding Painter in New Orleans
- The Knot — Best of Weddings Award Winner
- BFA — University of New Orleans, Dean’s List
- National Art Honor Society Inductee

NFL & NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

- First My Cause My Cleats artist for the New Orleans Saints
- Hand-painted cleats auctioned on NFL website — raising millions for nonprofits
- Featured on NewOrleansSaints.com in multiple official videos
- Commissioned by Brittany Brees for Drew Brees Christmas family portrait
- Custom portraits for Sean Payton events and surprise engagement
- 25-foot mural in Tom Benson’s private corner office at Caesars Superdome

NBA & NEW ORLEANS PELICANS

- Designed the last-ever Pelicans paper season ticket — signed by Zion Williamson
- Paintings and prints in VIP Champions Lounge at Smoothie King Center
- Custom Pelicans jersey gifted to every player on the roster
- Custom basketball canvases as VIP corporate gifts for business sponsors
- Permanent murals in family room at Smoothie King Center — name on the wall

SUPER BOWL LIX — NEW ORLEANS 2025

- Commissioned by Entergy — Super Bowl LIX Host Committee founding partner — for custom VIP painted hats and corporate gifts
- Selected by Amazon AI and Octagon for live custom-painted sneakers for 25+ executives during Super Bowl weekend
- Amazon executives wore Christina’s custom shoes on the Caesars Superdome floor

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

BRAND COLLABORATIONS

- First sneaker artist commissioned by Dunkaroos — NCAA Final Four custom shoes for every player
- All artwork for Dixie Beer relaunch — menus, gift shop art, Dixie Voodoo variety pack
- Tiger artwork featured in The Money Game — Amazon Prime LSU NIL docuseries
- Custom portraits for Cooper Manning and Arch Manning — University of Texas QB
- Custom sneakers for Grammy-winner Terence Blanchard's red carpet walk

MARDI GRAS & KREWE POSTER ART

- Only official poster artist for Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale — six consecutive years
- Only artist ever invited to paint live at the Femme Fatale queen reveal
- Official poster artist for Krewe of Nefertiti and Krewe of Symphony
- First woman of color to create the official Crescent City Classic poster

LIVE WEDDING PAINTING

- Hundreds of weddings painted across the US over 15+ years
- Thousands of guests have watched original oil paintings created live
- Destination weddings in Chicago, Charleston SC, Biloxi MS, Nashville TN, Maui HI, and beyond
- Venues include Preston Bradley Hall, The Drake Hotel, Beau Rivage, Grand Sofia, Armour House

COMMUNITY & FOUNDATION

- Co-founded The Beautiful Foundation — mentoring young women in New Orleans
- Launched the first Teen Council at NORDC
- Facilitated "Trust Your Crazy Idea" at Junior Achievement New Orleans

PRESS & MEDIA FEATURES

16 verified features across national, regional, sports, and lifestyle media

NATIONAL WEDDING PUBLICATIONS

Martha Stewart Weddings	Featured wedding — Spanish Oaks New Orleans
Munaluchi Bride	Exclusive interview: “Interview with Live Wedding Painter Christina Pappion”
Mississippi Magazine	Wedding Register — “Live event artist Christina Pappion of New Orleans”
Southern Bride	Instagram feature
The Knot	Best of Weddings Award Winner — verified 5-star reviews

NEW ORLEANS & REGIONAL PRESS

New Orleans Magazine	“A Work of Art” — myneworleans.com
St. Charles Avenue Magazine	“Local Artists Weigh In On Benefits of Live Event Paintings” — August 2024
Inside New Orleans Magazine	“The Heartwarming Artistry of Christina Pappion” — full profile
NOLA.com / Times-Picayune	“Wedding Inspirations: Meet Christina Pappion”
NOLA.com	“Sole Exhibition” — Saints My Cause My Cleats feature
NOLA.com	Dixie Beer relaunch feature
Edge of the Lake Magazine	“Painting It Forward” — full career feature, 2023
Visit the Northshore	“Christina Pappion blends art, family, and sense of place”

SPORTS, BRAND & DIGITAL MEDIA

NewOrleansSaints.com	Official NFL feature — multiple videos: “Artist Christina Pappion discusses My Cause My Cleats”
Foodbeast	“Dunkaroos Presents First-Ever All-DUNKaroos Team” — March Madness Final Four
Feedspot	Ranked #8 — Top 45 Live Wedding Painter Instagram Influencers Worldwide — 2026
Amazon Prime / The Money Game	Tiger artwork featured in LSU NIL docuseries

TESTIMONIALS

“I cannot put into words the MAGIC that Christina works with that brush. I was blown away at the detail, the perspective, the professionalism, the ABSOLUTE PERFECTION of the painting. BOOK. HER. NOW.”
— Carlos Wilson, Wedding Client

“My live painting is my favorite thing from my wedding. I get teary eyed every time I look at it. My guests were in AWE — multiple people who are now engaged ask me who did my live painting. Of course, I recommend Pappion!”
— Connor & Toni, Wedding Clients

SERVICES & CONTACT

Available for weddings, corporate activations, events, commissions, and speaking engagements

LIVE WEDDING PAINTING

Original oil paintings created live during your ceremony or reception. Available for local New Orleans weddings and destination weddings nationwide. Packages customized based on location, canvas size, and vision.

- Ceremony paintings from \$1,850
- Destination weddings from \$2,850
- Custom heirloom compositions available
- Deposit required to secure your date

CORPORATE & BRAND ACTIVATIONS

Live painting experiences for corporate events, brand launches, and VIP activations. Previous clients include Amazon AI, Entergy, Octagon, Dunkaroos, and Dixie Beer.

- Live sneaker and hat painting activations
- Custom VIP corporate gifts
- Brand collaboration and art direction
- Large-scale mural commissions

CUSTOM PORTRAITURE & COMMISSIONS

Original portraits, family commissions, celebrity portraits, and custom artwork for individuals and organizations. Previous commissions include Drew Brees, Cooper Manning, Arch Manning, and Terence Blanchard.

LIVE EVENT PAINTING

Galas, fundraisers, Mardi Gras events, sports activations, and private celebrations. Available for local and destination events nationwide.

SPEAKING & APPEARANCES

Available for speaking engagements, panel discussions, artist talks, and community events focused on entrepreneurship, artistry, and building a creative business from the ground up.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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