Fernando Micheli Bio

Fernando Micheli was born in Fiano, Italy and grew up in San Francisco, CA. He obtained his B.A. in Landscape Architecture at U.C. Berkeley, College of Environmental Design, practiced Landscape Architecture and Urban Design in Laguna Beach for 37 years and was responsible for design of many high profile urban design projects, including outdoor urban spaces for corporate headquarters, universities, hospitals, museums, housing and parks until his retirement in 2014.

In June of 2014, he made a life changing decision to pursue his desire to become a painter and artist prompted by LPAPA and its artists. He focused on the immediacy of Plein Air painting and Representational art, capturing the beauty of California as well as locations abroad.

He is particularly proud of his support of the LPAPA Plein Air Project, mentoring grade school students locally under the leadership of Jeff Sewell and also teaches indoor and outdoor classes with local students. Fernando is a regular exhibitor at the Laguna Beach Sawdust Festival and maintains a Gallery/studio in Laguna Beach, California.

He is a member of the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, American Impressionists Society, and California Art Club. He has been recently featured in the article, "10 Artists To Collect Now" in Plein Air Magazine, Oct/Nov 2021 issue. He's won numerous awards for his work and participated in the 23rd Annual Laguna Beach Plein Air Invitational LPAPA in October of 2021 as well as the San Clemente Art Association’s Paint San Clemente, Capitola Art Association’s Capitola Plein Air, and Huse Skelly Gallery's Just Plein Fun events.