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Internationally acclaimed celebrity artist Jesse Raudales, whose work is featured in museums, galleries, organizations, and homes of many collectors, displays a deep sense of Pure Originality, Beauty, Spirituality, Strength and Reality in his images. For any artist, it would be a dream come true to be selected as one of the artists to create an image to commemorate the 2006 US Olympic Team. That dream is now a reality for Jesse Raudales, a North Hollywood based artist, who was selected among thousands of applicants to represent the 2006 Olympic games, standing next to his fellow artist, Jane Seymore and Peter Maxx. His Olympic painting, "Peace for the Children of the World" opened in California, toured to New York and then went on to the Olympic Games in Torino, Italy. Since becoming an Olympian, Raudales has been honored by the NAACP, FBI, Warner Bros. and the EPICC Center and featured as a rising artist in international press. Raudales was the only minority artist chosen for the 2006 Olympic Games and has received high acclaim for his passion to paint and dedication as a father. His artwork has been featured on television (Martin, Living Single and Higher Learning) and in the homes of many celebrities including Academy Award nominee, Terrence Howard, Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre, and the legendary, Rick James. He has also designed logos and airbrushed fashion concepts for celebrities such as MC Hammer and the late James Brown. His list of accomplishments also includes designing logos for Martin L. King III, basketball star Dwayne Wade and the official Miss USA Pageant logo for the Donald Trump. The story of Raudales begins in North Carolina and has captured the hearts of many. Born stillborn, his mother prayed to God to let her son live. She cuddled him for several minutes and miraculously, Jesse gasped for air and was brought to life. His mother honored her gift from God by naming her son Jesus Guadalupe Raudales but after several years of being teased at school, he was later nicknamed Jesse. Jesse Raudales is active in his community and continues to donate his originals to a variety of nonprofits including the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Zo's Summer Grove, Sparks Of Hope, Inc., The OASIS, Hands United Together, and the Boys and Girls Club of America. In February 2007, his Peace for the Children art show was hosted by long-time friend and client, Terrence Howard, and was held at CCH Pounder's (The Shield) art gallery (Pounder Kone Art Space). Jesse showcased five original

paintings marked with the handprint of his son, Jesse Jr., honoring children around the world who are victims of child abuse. These limited edition paintings continue to be auctioned off for children's charities. Jesse's most recent shows include Colors to Life Beautiful, a group exhibition inspired by Alice Walker's Color Purple at the 626 Gallery at Studio B in downtown LA's gallery row and his solo show, My Real Name is Jesus, hosted by Jermaine Jackson which was also held at 626, focusing on his life story and the inspiration behind his most versatile works. His art has been showcased at many galleries and private shows around the world including Epoxybox, Chase Mitchell, Million Dollar Make the Discovery Retreat for the Oscars® and at the home of Miguel Nunez, Jr. (Joey, Kickin' It Old School).

*"Jesse, being an Olympic Artist is a major accomplishment for any artist. As you know artist from Matisse to Andy Warhol, Jim Dine and Roy Lichtenstein have been artist chosen to commemorate the Olympic Games . Welcome to the Olympic Art Family. "*

*--- Jack Scharr, President*

## **Appearances and Events**

January – March 2006 Olympic Tour

February 2006 Epoxy Gallery Venice Beach, CA

May 18, 2006 Peace for the World Exhibit Beverly Hills Hotel, Beverly Hills, CA

March 2006, 2007 Make the Discovery Oscar Retreat Beverly Hills, CA

April 2007 Art Exhibit for Federal Bureau of Investigation Los Angeles, CA

May 2006 Boys & Girls Club Exhibit Santa Ana, CA

July, 2006 Panel Speaker; Warner Bros Studios

November 1-24, 2006 Chase Mitchell Gallery Santa Ana, CA Tommy Ford hosts Olympic Exhibit

November 9, 2006 (KISS) Gene Simmons Ambrose Event Hollywood, CA Speed painting performance on Red Carpet

February 2007 NoHo Arts Gallery North Hollywood, CA Hosts by Pete Escavido

February 2, 2007 CCH Pounder Kone Artspace Hosted Glendale, CA Terrence Howard hosts "Peace for the Children" exhibit

December 2007 – March 2008 626 Gallery, Studio B Los Angeles, CA Colors to Life Beautiful exhibition inspired by Alice Walker Color Purple

April 2008 626 Gallery Los Angeles, C A Jermaine Jackson hosts "My Real Name is Jesus" Exhibit

November 2008 OIC Graduating Class Speaker Wilson, NC 27893 Motivational Speaker for Graduating Class of 2008

February 20, 2009 Guest Speaker for Radio One Radio Station Raleigh, NC

February 21, 2009 First community Stellar Awards Honored Guest Wilson, NC 27893

September 13, 2011 Fort Lee Military Base Honored Guest Jesse Raudales

March 3rd-24<sup>th</sup> Silvana Gallery Jesse Raudales One-man 1731 West Glenoaks Blvd. Suite 200 Glendale, CA

2014 Los Angeles Sports Achievement Association 17225 Palisades Circle Pacific Palisades, Ca

April 29th, 2015 Guest Speaker for CHCI Library Of Congress Washington, DC

2015 First Baptist Church of Chapel Hill 106 N Robertson Street Chapel Hill, NC 27516

February 16, 2016 JRI Art Classes Activism Through Art Wilson, NC

March 11th, 2016 Latino Leaders United met with Charlie Faris Wilson, NC

March 8th, 2016 Met with Jean Farmer Butterfield NC House District 24. Made an Honorary Consultant

March 2nd 2016 JRI First Latino Voter Registration Drive in Wilson, NC

April 28th, 2016 Guest Speaker at Sallie B Howard School of the Arts in Wilson, NC

April 29th, 2016 Whirligig park groundbreaking Ceremony

April 11th, 2016 Video Shoot for Vollis Simpson Documentary Wilson, NC

May 6, 2016 Honorary Judge at John W Jones School Wilson, NC

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 City of Wilson proclamation of Jesse Raudales Day in Wilson, NC

August 22<sup>nd</sup> Guest Speaker for the Wilson Rotary Club

Sallie B Howard School art student filed trip Sept 7th with the City of Wilson Planning & Community Revitalization Department. Tour of the Mural painted by Jesse Raudales & Kimberly Van Dyk

Sept 10th, 2016 10 year Anniversary Art exhibition at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center Newport News, VA

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Honored Guest at the Congressional Black Caucus Luncheon in Washington, D.C.

Sept 26 Honored Guest 2016 Rural Assembly Awards Dinner at the Embassy Suites in Cary, NC

Oct. 1st 2016 Still Standing & Steppin Out, Purple Affair – a benefit event that honors survivors of Domestic Violence. Jesse Raudales Inc. donated 2 20x30 reprints to be auctioned off and proceeds will go to Families effected by Domestic Violence in Atlanta, GA.

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Character Drawings for Kids at the Wilson Stop The Violence Event in Wilson, NC

Nov 3rd Paint n Sip Discover your inner artist and let your creativity flow. Bring your favorite bottle of wine and join US Olympic Artist, Jesse Raudales, for a step-by-step painting class in Atlanta, GA

Nov 4th at 7am Radio interview with "Michael and Joi in the Morning"

Nov. 4th, 2016 Association of Latino Professional for America to Honor 10 year Anniversary  
The Commerce Club 191 Peachtree Street, 49th Fl Atlanta, GA

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Caricature Drawings for the Wilson County DSS for Adoption Awareness Event on November 19th benefiting the Foster Care and Adoption Agency

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 Honored to be the Grand Marshall at the Wilson, North Carolina Christmas Parade

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Play titled (Mirror Mirror) Written & directed by Tracey J at Wilson Fike High School auditorium at 7pm. Olympic Artist Jesse Raudales Art work featured in the Play and will also be acting in the Play

March 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 Special Guest and auctioning off some Artwork to benefit the 2017 AKA Princess Ball

October 22, 2017 Guest Speaker at First United Methodist Church

100 Green St., Wilson, NC.

Oct. 24, 2017 Interview with ABC ALL MEN ROCK a lifestyle web series celebrating Men from around the world. [www.allmenrock.com](http://www.allmenrock.com)

November 3, 2017 Special Guest for Golf Women Mean Business Gala at the Commerce Club in Atlanta, GA

November 2017 Interview for EXPOSURE MAGAZINE issue as well. We have Darrin Henson on cover. [www.exposure-magazine.com](http://www.exposure-magazine.com)



By Brent Hopkins, Staff Writer POSTED: 11/17/05, 12:01 AM PST

NORTH HOLLYWOOD - Like a lot of guys, Jesse Raudales rents a two-bedroom apartment up the street from a taco shop, works a 9-to-5 job, dotes on his son as a single dad. But unlike those other guys, he's just been thrust into the international art world. The 34-year-old graphic designer's three painting series "Peace for the Children of the World" was recently selected by the U.S. Olympic Committee for use on its posters at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy. A simple series of lines that sketch out the dove of peace and the face of Raudales' 5-year-old son, Jesse Jr., the work will hang in the Olympic Village and be sold nationwide. This puts him in rarefied company among the art world's heavy hitters who command tens of thousands of dollars per work. Raudales did his on the kitchen table, dashed off in a couple of hours and sent off without much hope of being selected. Told to submit work that encompassed both winter sports and the concept of peace, he produced five paintings of toned skiers and skaters, then threw in a Picasso-influenced rendering of Jesse Jr.'s smiling visage. "When I think peace, I don't think of skiing, I think of my son," Raudales said. "I did this just as a last minute thing, and they just went crazy, man." Fine Art Ltd., a St. Louis-based company licensed by the United States Olympic Committee to handle artwork for the games, selected Raudales alongside much higher-profile artists, including actress Jane Seymour and the psychedelic-influenced Peter Max. "Jesse submitted work that we were all impressed with," said Jack Scharr, Fine Art's president. "Many of the most important artists in the world have done Olympic work in the past, but every now and then an artist like Jesse who's kind of unknown will create something that says something for the games and gets in there. It's just like an unknown athlete who comes in from nowhere and does something huge."

And Raudales indeed comes out of nowhere - his formal training consists of a brief stint at the Art Institute of Atlanta, before funds ran out and he moved to California to work as a security guard. He has no formal studio, just a spare bedroom without so much as an easel. In spite of this, Raudales boasts an impressive credit list in the hip-hop world, doing logo work for Dr. Dre and clothes for Snoop Dogg. One of his paintings once turned up in the late funk icon Rick James' home on MTV's "Cribs." Yet for all his prior success, he has had only one gallery show - and that was a decade ago - and sells many of his original works on his Web site, [www.jesseraudales.com](http://www.jesseraudales.com), at discount prices. Landing the Olympics won't garner him immediate financial benefit, either. Though he still owns the original paintings, he will receive only 20 percent of the proceeds of poster sales, with the balance going to the USOC to fund the American team's operations. But the high profile he'll receive will be more than enough benefit, said Susan Manders, a Studio City artist and teacher whose painting "All Eyes On Me" graced posters for the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens. "It's like once you're an Oscar winner, you're always an Oscar winner," said Manders, whose work now shows up in gift bags for the Emmy awards and appeared worldwide after the 2004 Olympics. "It's something you have for the rest of your career - and people really like it." When Manders' art made it to the games, she was already a well-established professional artist. Raudales, on the other hand, has no sponsors or patrons. He can't even afford to attend the games, where his work will play a prominent role, or the nationwide tour of Olympic art. He still pulls a paycheck from Uniform Warehouse & Accessories, where he spends his days designing company badges and uniform patches. Raudales, a devout Christian who credits divine inspiration for his talent, professes no complaints about sending his art off to tour the world while he stays home, plugging away at his day job. While athletes mill around his work in Italy, he'll be laboring on his latest commissioned piece: a mural of the animated Chicken Little for Jesse Jr.'s room. "I may not have the funds to go on the tour, but my paintings will be there, my son's face will be there,"

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Jesse Raudales: Born Again

Artist Jesse Raudales by Melanie Mac (Sentinel Staff Writer)

With the anticipated weekend ahead the office was buzzing with excitement when I sat down to meet this extraordinary prolific Artist who is the 2006 Olympic Artist – the first artist to ever

have three paintings consecutively featured in the Olympics! Jesse Raudales entered this world as a “still born” infant and was in route to be taken to the wing of the hospital for still born children under the directive of the attending physician when his mother, diligent and steadfast in her faith in GOD, enveloped her son in her arms and began to pray alongside his grandmother. His mother prayed and GOD answered her prayer because there I was seated across from him at this mahogany table witnessing this miracle before me as he shared his incredible journey as a true artist encompassing the natural talent and honed skill to paint, draw, sculpt, invent, photograph and capture those moments that will continue to take my breath away. For the first five years of his life his mother kept her promise to GOD naming her son after her savior Jesus and the angle Guadalupe. Jesus Guadalupe Raudales was clad in burlap robe, sandals and hair that was never cut. By the time, the young bi-racial/bi-cultural Jesus Guadalupe Raudales was five years old; his artistic talents were in full bloom. With careful nurturing from his mother, he learned to respect his gift and to give GOD the glory by expressing through his Art and Designs. Today, Jesus goes by the name Jesse Raudales and is admittedly “deeply religious.” This African-Latin American Artist whose artwork is owned by Oscar nominated Terrence Howard, Actress Robin Givens, Actors Miguel Nunez, Guy Torry and Tommy Ford to name a few is taking the industry by storm – one stroke at a time. There are twenty-four people that own his paintings and all twenty-four just happen to be celebrities all stemming from his first art show that he produced and funded back in 1996. Actor Miguel Nunez who is among the many owners, gave Jesse's website to a movie producer Paul Goldsby who unbeknownst to him was affiliated with Teri Bernardi a member of Fine Art Limited and the Olympic committee. Bernardi fell in love with Raudales' work and contacted him. Although the six artists (Peter Maxx, Jane Seymour, Steve Allen, Alfred Gockel, Shan Gray and Tim Rodgerson) had already been selected and confirmed, Bernardi knowing that it was a long shot request that Jesse come up with something about peace being that we were in a time of war. Jesse thought about the peace meant to him and realized that he is at peace when he's with his son and thus created a beautiful sketch of his son's face adorned with a dove which Jesse pointed out Picasso used frequently to symbolize the presence of peace. This painting, which has been on tour with the Winter Olympics, is aptly titled “Peace For The Children Of The World.” Although this is an incredible story of how your gifts will make room for you, the reality is that even after being selected and confirmed on the day of his son's birthday, Oct. 13, he was faced with the challenge of raising \$60,000 just to participate and take his place alongside the other six Olympic Artist whose paintings sell for well over \$100K a piece. Jesse speaks to children often and he confidently admits that he knows his talent and he knows that he is just as good if not better than the next. He tells children, “Don't give up, follow your dreams- GOD has a plan for everybody but it is up to you to follow through with that plan.” Jesus realizes his back is against the wall and in order to stay in the game he needs corporate sponsors, private donors and angle investors from our community to step up and support the work that he's doing just as the other artist who are non-black have investors from their respective communities step up and sponsor them to see them through. Jesse has a clear vision and welcomes GM, art collectors like Russell Simmons, Magic

Johnson and others that share an appreciation for art and understand the business of what it takes to keep our artist in the mainstream so they, too succeed and flourish. To learn more about this rising Olympic Artist and more importantly, to support his work, visit his website:  
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