

## **Leah Beach - Dewey Beach, Delaware**

Owner of Something Different Artwork, Creative Connection

Founder of Developing Artist Collaboration

Leah Beach is a Delaware Native and an accomplished photojournalist and mural Artist who has leveraged her skills to help transform communities worldwide. After graduating from Delaware College of Art and Design she started her creative journey as a photojournalist. Her Global Dementia Project is where she traveled to Kenya, South Africa, Guatemala, and India to share an intimate story of dementia care. This work has helped to change the stigma of how people live with dementia globally. These images were utilized by the World Health Organization and various dementia advocacy organizations around the world. After experiencing the ripple effect from this work she dedicated her life to inspiring other Artists to create for a higher purpose. She discovered that artists needed a solid professional foundation before they could do this type of work, which inspired her to found the Developing Artist Collaboration (DAC).

The DAC is an Artist Development nonprofit that transforms the lives of emerging Artists through education, peer connection, and opportunities to grow personally and professionally to achieve the next level of their creative journey. Leah conceptualized the entire model of the DAC and continues to be the organization's visionary in hopes of elevating Artists to transform communities around the world. While building the DAC to supplement her income Leah discovered her passion for creating large murals. Over the last decade, she has created hundreds of murals for businesses and individuals. She has worked on large projects for the Walter Reed Memorial Hospital in Bethesda, Delaware Tourism Office, as well as many noteworthy businesses in Delaware. Leah takes on limited mural projects each year choosing to work with causes and clients that align with her values. She is now leveraging her experience to focus on public speaking opportunities to champion thriving Artists.