

JOE LEDOUX - ARTIST STATEMENT

My name is Joe Ledoux, and I call myself a magical artist. My whole life has been devoted to the path of magic as art. I blend my three favorite art forms: sleight of hand magic, skateboarding, and fine art. My performances take place in galleries, museums, and artistic spaces.

I look at a paintbrush as a magic wand - you wave it around and something appears on the canvas. I've been painting the same cartoon character, called Muhachi, since I was a kid. The character functions as a vehicle for me to express myself, and to create a cartoon character that is true to life. Animation is a big theme in my art, whether it's my cartoon character on the gallery walls, my animated films, or an origami crane whose wings magically flap and come to life, or a story that moves the audience - I hope everyone feels more animated at the end of the show.

My goal as an artist is to elevate the status of magic beyond mere entertainment, to transform it into a fine art.