

KAREN SCHUMAN SELECTED AS TOP 50 FEARLESS LEADERS BY IAOTP

Karen Schuman will be honored at the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) annual awards gala in Las Vegas

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 12, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Karen Schuman, Artist and Gallerist, was recently selected to be featured in the publication Top 50 Fearless Leaders by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to the industry.

Inclusion in the International Association of Top Professionals is an honor in itself; only a few members in each discipline are chosen for this distinction. While being selected to be published in IAOTP's Top 50 Fearless Leaders Publication is an honor in itself, only 50 of the world's most brilliant, courageous, and inspirational professionals are selected for this distinction.



These special honorees are hand-selected to share their stories of perseverance, resilience, passion, and strength. They have made outstanding contributions to society; they have impacted their industries and are respected in their trades. A chapter will be dedicated to each honoree, and Volume 5 will be released in 2026.

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With over 25 years of experience in the art industry, Karen Schuman has firmly established herself as a respected leader and creative force. She began her journey as the founder and director of the Dancing Krow Studio, where her passion for the arts and innate leadership abilities flourished. Guided by an entrepreneurial spirit, Karen and her husband played a key role in revitalizing a struggling area of Oak Park, Illinois. By leasing vacant storefronts and launching The Art House, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering creativity, they sparked a cultural renaissance. Their collaborative efforts with local activists led to the formation of the now-thriving Oak Park Arts District, home to a vibrant community of artisan studios.

Karen's artistic practice spans a wide range of mediums, including batik-dyed fabric, quilting, beadwork, and embroidery. Deeply rooted in her shamanic studies, her work reflects themes of harmony with nature and the transformation of darkness into light. Each piece is an offering—a way to connect with others and share the wisdom of living in balance with the Earth. Her talent and dedication have been recognized with first- and second-place honors from the Art League in Oak Park, underscoring her creative impact and commitment to community.

Before establishing her career in the arts, Ms. Schuman completed coursework in oil painting at the Edward Cathony Studio of Art and successfully completed secretarial

training at Robert Morris University. She gained early professional experience as a personal assistant at the Garfield-Linn Advertising Agency and has contributed to the American Art Collector books for over 13 years. More recently, her work has been featured in international juried book competitions spanning 23 countries, with listings in the German National Library and publications such as ENTER INTO ART: Excellent Art, Art Tuscany (Honorable Mention), Art Chateau, and Dreams of Art.

Throughout her illustrious career, Ms. Schuman has received many awards and accolades and has been recognized worldwide for her accomplishments. This year, she will be considered for a TIP (Top Industry Professionals) Magazine feature. Karen was previously recognized by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) as the Top Award-Winning Artist of the Year in 2023 and Empowered Woman of the Year in 2024. This year, she will be honored at the IAOTP Annual Awards Gala in December at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas, where she will receive several award, including the Lifetime Achievement Award, Top Award-Winning Artist of the Decade 2025 and her most recent honor for being selected to be featured in IAOTP's Top 50 Fearless Leaders Publication Volume 5.

In addition to her successful career, Ms. Schuman is a committed member of the Oak Park Arts District, where she has been actively involved in hosting art workshops for seniors and community members experiencing homelessness. This initiative reflects her commitment to community outreach and passion for fostering creativity among diverse groups.

Looking back, Karen attributes her success to her perseverance, strong work ethic, and the



guidance of the mentors who have supported her along the way. Outside of her professional endeavors, she enjoys gardening, walking, hiking, and traveling. Looking ahead, Karen hopes to inspire and guide those entering the art field, leaving a lasting impact on the next generation of artists.

For more information on Karen, please watch her video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzqYbQ7p1RY>

About IAOTP

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IAOTP's experts have given thousands of top prestigious professionals worldwide the recognition and credibility that they deserve and have helped build their branding empires. IAOTP prides itself on being a one-of-a-kind boutique networking organization that handpicks only the best of the best and creates a networking platform that connects and brings these top professionals to one place.

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