

A story of **Curiosity, Creativity & Courage**



"I was a kid who loved art and grew up to become a professional soccer player and astronomer. Now I'm a kid again who loves art. . ."
Soren Meibom

Born in Denmark, Soren Meibom's passion for visual art was ignited at an early age, influenced by his artist father. This early exposure to the world of art saw him engaging in various forms of creative expression, including drawing, printing, sculpting, and painting. These formative years fostered a deep and enduring love for visual art, which would remain a constant in his life.

Parallel to his artistic development, Soren's youth was dominated by his participation in elite-level soccer. From a young age, he demonstrated talent, athletic prowess, and a commitment to train hard to reach his full potential.

This combination led him to play for club teams, regional squads, and even youth national teams. His ambitions and dedication to soccer culminated in a seven-year stint as a semi-professional player while balancing the rigors of the sport with his growing academic pursuits.

Seamlessly blending his physical and intellectual talents, Soren attended the University of Copenhagen, where he earned a Master's degree in physics and astronomy while playing for the Copenhagen club B93. Despite not having reached his full potential as a soccer player, at the age of 25, his growing interest in studying the cosmos led him to the difficult decision to retire from soccer to pursue graduate school and a Ph.D. in astrophysics in the United States. He served a year in the Royal Danish Air Force before leaving for the University of Wisconsin – Madison, marking the beginning of an illustrious career in science.



Soren's doctoral studies laid the groundwork for a distinguished 14-year career at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Massachusetts. As an astrophysicist, he delved into the studies of the structure and evolution of single stars, double stars, and star clusters within the Milky Way galaxy. Further expanding and solidifying his standing in the field, he worked with NASA on space-telescope missions, such as Kepler and TESS, aimed at discovering and characterizing planets beyond our solar system. His contributions to stellar and exoplanet research were significant, including work on techniques to better determine stellar ages and the discovery of the first transiting exoplanets in star clusters. Soren's research led to numerous peer-reviewed publications, including two first-author articles in the prestigious journal Nature. His ability to translate complex scientific concepts into accessible knowledge underscores his aptitude as an educator and public speaker.

Soren's remarkable story is a testament to the power of curiosity, creativity, and the courage to follow one's passions. His journey through the realms of soccer, science, and art exemplifies a multidisciplinary approach to life, inspiring others to pursue their interests across various fields. Soren continues to educate, inspire, and captivate audiences around the world with his unique vision and contributions.

"We each have two lives; the second one begins when we realize that we only have one."

Confucius, 551 - 471 BC



Despite his achievements in soccer and science, Soren's artistic spirit remained ever-present and only grew with time. In a move that showed his fearless adaptability and allowed him to fully explore and exercise his artistic curiosity and creativity, he transitioned from his role at the Harvard-Smithsonian to devote himself entirely to a career as a visual artist. The interplay between his artistic and scientific experiences soon led to the creation of his unique SciArt (science-art). This innovative approach to visual art merges his lifelong passions for art, science, and education. Soren's SciArt reflects his scientific curiosity and his love for learning and conveying knowledge. The art is fuelled by curiosity-driven creativity that combines his desire for artistic expression with his appetite for understanding the world around him. His thoughtful and purposeful blend of scientific language with traditional visual art techniques creates a symbiosis and harmony that amplifies the artistic expression, making it richer and more captivating, and inviting the viewer deeper into the story the artwork is telling. With his SciArt, Soren hopes to fuel the curiosity of the observer and invite them to explore the artwork in a way that inspires their own joy of discovery and desire to learn.





Soccer is the world's most popular sport. The game has won the hearts and minds of people across all continents and all cultures, bridging social, political, and economic barriers. It is being played in backyards, schoolyards, streets and stadiums by people of all ages and walks of life, and more than half the earth's population watch every four years when the world's best nations compete for the World Cup.

In his soccer SciArt project, the artist, scientist (astrophysicist, Ph.D.), and former semi-professional soccer player Soren Meibom, is combining his life long passions for soccer, art, science, and education to illuminate and communicate the complexity, beauty and drama that drives and maintains the unique popularity of the game of soccer. In a series of mixed media pieces, he portrays the beautiful game through the lenses of art and science, and explores and depicts its historical, human, tactical, and scientific dimensions.

You can find SciArt telling stories about rowing, radiology, human evolution, and more on www.SorenMeibom.com, and purchase replica prints via www.SorenMeibom.shop. Soren's original SciArt is available for exhibits worldwide. Write to art@SorenMeibom.com if you are interested in a SciArt exhibit. If you envision your home and work spaces enriched with SciArt telling your story, or stories about your organization's or corporation's purpose, impact, and goals, **you can contact Soren about commissioning original SciArt at art@SorenMeibom.com.**

