

D.S. KINSEL: EXCESSIVLY RECKLESS BLACK VANGUARD

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Awards/Grants/Residencies

2014 Sprout Fund Kids + Creativity Conference Stipend
2014 Resident Artist Most Wanted Fine Art Gallery
2014 Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council Artist Opportunity Grant
2014 Style Week Pittsburgh: Most Stylish Artist of the Year
2013 Sprout Fund Innovative Community Film & Video Honorable Mention
2013 Pittsburgh Tech Council DATA: THE DESIGN, ART + TECHNOLOGY AWARDS Finalist
2013 Pittsburgh Magazine 40 Under 40 Honoree
2013 Recipient of The Pittsburgh Foundation Advancing Black Arts In Pittsburgh Grant
2013 Resident Artist 720 Clothing, Music and Cafe
2012 The New Pittsburgh Courier Fab 40 Awardee
2012 Pittsburgh City Paper 3rd Best Twitter in Pittsburgh
2011 Americorps Public Ally Education Award

Artist Talks & Panels

2014 Alliance for Artists Communities: Urban Engagmenet and Relevancy of Place
2014 Community Technical Assistance Center: Networking in the Digital Age
2014 Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council (GPAC) Annual Meeting: Urban Engagement and the Relevancy of Place
2014 Bunker Projects Presents: Magic Organs Retrospective Artist Talk
2014 APOST Bi-Annual Conference: Outreach and Impact Social Media Training
2014 Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council: Art on Walls, Reflective Locations Artist Talk
2014 Alisha B. Wormsly presents: Afronauta Film Club (Featured Presenter), Alloy Studios, Pittsburgh PA
2013 Bayer Center for Non-Profit Management: Community Outreach and Image Cultivation in the Digital Era
2013 Sprout Fund Lunch and Learn: Creating Access and Opportunity
2013 Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council (GPAC) Artist Opportunity Grant Panel Review
2013 No Fly Zone Artist Talk ASSEMBLE

EXHIBITION HISTORY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (Paintings and Prints)

2013 Subconscious Locations, ImageBox Gallery, Pittsburgh PA

2013 mono|graphics, 720 Cafe, Music and Clothing, Pittsburgh PA

2013 Bill Peduto Artist Feature, People for Peduto Campaign Office Pittsburgh PA

2013 Paintings and Prints, Shaw Galleries Pittsburgh/PA

2013 Artistic Integrity: D.S. Kinsel, Social Status Pittsburgh PA

2012 Street Dreams are Made of These Pt 3, ImageBox Gallery Pittsburgh PA

2012 Urban Canvas and The Urban League of Young Professionals Presents: Street Dreams are Made of These Pt 2, Pittsburgh PA

2011 Street Dreams are Made of These..., Image Box Gallery, Pittsburgh PA

ACTION PAINTING

2014 Pittsburgh Art Car, NYC Maker's Faire, Queens NY

2014 Rustbelt Rivalry, Waterloo Arts Festival, Cleveland OH

2014 Omicelo and Dream Cream Ice-cream Present: DreamOn Fest, Pittsburgh PA

2014 Harambee Arts Festival Pittsburgh PA

2014 Trackploitation Presents: The Illest Trajectory, 720 Music Clothing Café, Pittsburgh PA

2014 Art All Night, Pittsburgh PA

2014 Koils by Nature and Natural Choice Barbershop presents: Cheveaux Elegance," A Natural Hair Show, Alloy Studios, Pittsburgh PA

2013 Art All Night, Pittsburgh PA

2013 Tracksploitation at Belvederes, Pittsburgh PA

2013 Bridgette Purdue Presents: Wake up & Dream, August Wilson Center, Pittsburgh PA

2013 Eargasm Open Mic Series, 7101 2nd Time Around, Pittsburgh PA

2013 Cre3sol Presents: Black Yellow Purple, Pittsburgh Meets Baltimore Jam Time Mash-Up, E.M.P. Collective, Baltimore MD

2013 10th Annual United Black Book Club of Pittsburgh Celebration of Reading Gala, Homewood Library, Pittsburgh PA

2012 Interval Jazz Session, 720 Music, Clothing, Cafe, and Clothing, Pittsburgh PA

2012 Classic 1824 Presents Black Excellence, Sandidige Photography Studio, Pittsburgh PA

2012 Art All Night, Pittsburgh PA

2011 720 Music Clothing and Café Presents: The Gift of Music, Bevelederes Ultra-Dive, Pittsburgh PA

2011 One Night Only, Future Tenant, Pittsburgh PA

Site Specific and Public INSTALLATION

2014 Recreating Havoc, BOOM Concepts, Pittsburgh PA

2014 Know News is Good News, Most Wanted Fine Art Gallery, Pittsburgh PA

2014 #Hashtags Are The New Protest Signs, Penn Avenue Arts District, Pittsburgh PA

2014 #chalkedUNARMED, Pittsburgh PA

2014 Army of Angels Poster Campaign, New York NY

2014 War on American Soil, Detroit MI

2014 Niggers = Pop Culture // Culture For Sale, Pittsburgh PA

2013 720 Vintage Window Display, 720 Clothing, Music, and Café (1yr)

2013 Streets vs Galleries Window Display, Social Status, Pittsburgh

2013 No Fly Zone & No Fly Zone Visual Mixtape, ASSEMBLE, Pittsburgh PA

2012 Ring Toss = Art, Future Tenants Tenth Anniversary Party, Pittsburgh PA

2011 Three Rivers Arts Festival A Sudden Art Performance (ASAP), Pittsburgh PA

2011 Death of Swagg, Birth of Sprezzee, AVALON, Pittsburgh PA

2011 Potty Poetry, Future Tenant Pittsburgh PA

2010 Dirty Issues - Clean Laundry, Artist Image Resource, Pittsburgh PA

2010 Recreating Havoc, Future Tenant, Pittsburgh PA

2010 Welcome to America the Land of Choices, Future Tenant Pittsburgh PA

2009 Art For Nickel's, Future Tenant, Pittsburgh PA

PERFORMANCE

2014 HCS Presents: BRAVO by Mars Jackson

2013 The Groove Aesthetic Presents: Bach Boom Box, Alloy Studios, Pittsburgh PA

2012 Collabtrix Presents: For the Girl Who Sleeps in Snow, East Liberty Presbyteryain Church, Pittsburgh PA

2012 Shana Simmons Presents: Relative Positions, Union Project, Pittsburgh PA

2011 Three Rivers Arts Festival Puppet Pageant, Pittsburgh PA

2009 Dawkfilmz Presents: No Love feat M.Sceazy and Pizzy

Curatorial Projects and Tertulias

2014 Eco-Illogical, Most Wanted Fine Art Gallery, Pittsburgh PA

2014 Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council Art on Walls Presents: Reflective Locations
Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council, Pittsburgh PA

2013 National Association of Colored People (NAACP) Presents: Pittsburgh Black
History Now!, Savoy Lounge, Pittsburgh PA

2013 Red Hues, Blue Blues, The Father Ryan Arts Center, McKees Rocks, PA
2013 Magic Organs Presents: L2D2, Most Wanted Fine Art Gallery, Pittsburgh PA
2013 Magic Organs Presents LiveXXDirect, Evolver Tattoo Shop, Pittsburgh PA
2012 Larryville Live, Fe Gallery, Pittsburgh PA
2012 Cool Like Dat: The Redux, Rocking Horse Art Space, Pittsburgh PA

Selected Group Exhibitions

2014 Patching Up Pittsburgh, ASSEMBLE, Pittsburgh PA
2014 (topo)GRAPHIC vs. APP-lication, Most Wanted Fine Art Gallery
2013 Art of the City, Wood Street Galleries, Pittsburgh, PA
2013 The Wix Project & BallonUP Presents: The A/V Project, The Wix Lounge, New York NY
2013 RAW Artists Presents: Marvel, CAVO Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Pa
2013 Future Tenant and Pittsburgh Downtown Community Development Corporation Present: The Downtown Film Screening, Pittsburgh PA
2011 Not So F'cking Serious, Unsmoked Artspace, Braddock PA
2010 The Original Magazine Fresh Exhibition, University of Pittsburgh Kimbo Gallery, Pittsburgh PA
2009 First Night Pittsburgh/Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Presents: Stories, 925 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh PA

BIO/ARTIST STATEMENT

D.S. KINSEL IS A BLACK CREATIVE ENTREPRENEUR AND ARTS ADMINISTRATOR BASED IN PITTSBURGH, PA. HE EXPRESSES HIS CREATIVITY THROUGH THE MEDIUMS OF PAINTING, WINDOW DISPLAY, INSTALLATION, CURATING, ACTION-PAINTING, NON TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCE AND SOCIAL MEDIA. WHILE KINSEL'S PRIMARY PRACTICE IS PAINTING, HE BELIEVES THAT EXPERIMENTING IN OTHER DISCIPLINES WILL ULTIMATELY STRENGTHEN HIS PAINTING. KINSEL WORK PUTS FOCUS ON THEMES OF ESCAPISM, SPACE KEEPING, URBAN TRADITION, POP CULTURE, HIP-HOP, INFORMALISM AND CULTURAL APPROPRIATION.

AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2013 PITTSBURGH FOUNDATION'S ADVANCING BLACK ARTS IN PITTSBURGH GRANT, HE SERVED AS THE RESIDENT ARTIST AT 720 CAFE, MUSIC, AND CLOTHING, WHERE D.S. PROVIDED THE BOUTIQUE WITH CREATIVE SUPPORT WHILE PRODUCING COMMERCIAL PRINT-WORK AND WINDOW DISPLAYS.. AS 2014 RESIDENT ARTIST WITH MOST WANTED FINE ART GALLERY, KINSEL WAS AWARDED THE ARTIST OPPORTUNITY GRANT FROM GREATER PITTSBURGH ARTS COUNCIL TO SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION THIS RESIDENCY. IN THE SPRING OF 2014, KINSEL CO-FOUNDED BOOM CONCEPTS, A COMBINATION WORK SPACE/CREATIVE HUB WHICH, IN ADDITION TO HOSTING HIS STUDIO SPACE AND JENESIS' PRODUCTION FACILITIES, AIMS TO BE A GALLERY, PERFORMANCE AND GATHERING SPACE FOR THE CREATIVE COMMUNITY WITH A FOCUS ON ARTISTS OF COLOR AND ARTISTS CREATING ART THROUGH A HIP HOP LENS.

SINCE 2011, D.S. HAS SERVED AS THE MGR PITTSBURGH YOUTH EMPOWERMENT ARTS IN ACTION PROGRAM COORDINATOR & MGR NATIONAL SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR. HE WORKS WITH YOUTH, COMMUNITY ARTISTS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO IDENTIFY WAYS FOR YOUTH TO EXPRESS ISSUES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH DRAMA, DANCE, MUSIC, VISUAL ART, AND TECHNOLOGY. KINSEL WORK HAS WITHIN GREATER PITTSBURGH REGION HAS CONNECTED HIM WITH YOUTH PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WILKINSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, CLAIRTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND SHUMAN JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER. AS THE NATIONAL SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR, D.S. COLLECTS CONTENT FROM MGR'S INITIATIVES IN PITTSBURGH, CHARLOTTE, AND CHICAGO. HE REGULARLY PROVIDES TRAINING TO NON-PROFITS ON BEST PRACTICES AROUND UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA TO BECOME A STRONGER PRESENCE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. KINSEL'S PREVIOUS COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE INCLUDES TIME SPENT WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF GREATER PITTSBURGH, THE CENTER FOR CREATIVE PLAY, AND THE HILL HOUSE ASSOCIATION WHERE HE MANAGED AND FACILITATED PROGRAMS FOR PRE-K TO 12TH GRADE.
