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Brief Biography & Statement

Born and raised in South Philly, PA. I learned art through my family, catholic school, and adventure.

My work can be divided into two topics, the whimsical paintings and raw drawings.

The whimsical paintings have three definitive subjects: Family & Friends, my personal adventures, and corporate America. Living in a world that considers everyone guilty until proven innocent, I find myself at the forefront of adventure with many strangers.

My life stories are full of painful and wonderful moments. Most of these painful moments were blessings in disguise. I use these past memories to portray my messages with bright colors and my whimsically fun artistic style. When one looks closer into the paintings he/she can realize the depths of the messages - deception, greed, corruption, death, unity, perseverance, rebuilding, positive thinking, and faith. Each painting as the phrase "I want it all" hidden within the work.

In 2001 I started a visual diary based on my past. I've used different scenes from my gruesomely sad and wildly insane childhood moments. Page after page, one can immediately feel the massive emotional undertow of the work. The drawings in the diary entitled 'When God was asleep' are created solely black and white with pencil and marker. The follow up diary, 'When God was awake' uses a wide array of colors. This diary speaks on moments of my life that without God's intervening I would not be the person I am today.



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Education

1999 Automotive Engineering, Bronx Community College, NY

1998 Design Theory and Color, School of Visual Arts, NY

1994 Art Instruction School of Minneapolis, MN

1994 Associates in Specialized Technology, Art Institute of Philadelphia, PA

Selected Exhibitions

2008

'Sacred Surveillance' – St. Paul's the Apostle, NYC

2007

'Who, What, Where, When, Why is God?' – St. Paul's the Apostle, NYC

Second Life Grand Opening (Online Exhibit) – Eragon Castle (235, 230, 21)

'Beyond Boundaries' – Curb Art Space, NYC

'Ten Year Show' – Solo Show – Curb Art Space, NYC

'The Square Foot Show' – Art Gotham, NYC

2006

'Successful Alumni Show' – Art Institute of Philadelphia, PA

'Take 5' – Curb Art Space, NYC

2005

'My First Solo Show' Solo Show – Curb Art Space, NYC

'Successful Alumni Show' – Art Institute of Philadelphia, PA

'Walk-a-thon' – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, NYC

2004

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1999

Windows of the World 'Chateau Lafitte de Rothschild, NYC

1998

'Summer Salon' – Ward Nasse, NYC