

KRISTOPHER KANALY (b. 1976, US)

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ARTIST BIO:

Kristopher Kanaly is an artist and muralist from Oklahoma City. With an extensive family history in the arts hailing back to his great grandfather's Colonial Art Gallery established in 1919, Kanaly grew up in a family of artists, art collectors, art dealers and graphic designers. This influence propelled him into a career of art and graphic design with a heavy focus on street art in his early years. Kanaly's work has received popularity through multiple awards, publications and books, and is regularly licensed by national retailers like Vans and Warby Parker. His artwork is frequently on exhibit with various regional galleries, as well as numerous outdoor murals and street art applications across the U.S. and Canada. In 2015, he was inducted into the Google Cultural Institute for his public art contributions to the state of Oklahoma. Kanaly co-founded the Oklahoma Mural Syndicate in 2017, a nonprofit dedicated to advocating, curating and funding public art, and is the lead curator for the Plaza Walls mural project, Oklahoma City's premier outdoor gallery.

Kanaly's work can be classified as ultra flat abstractions of landscapes with otherworldly themes. Utilizing high contrasting colors and collaging together simple shapes to create worlds that appear to be ready to step into and digital.

EDUCATION:

ASA - Design & Animation, Oklahoma City Community College

DESIGN AND ARTISTIC PORTFOLIO:

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- 2019 - *"Step-Up Campaign"* Allied Arts Step-Up Campaign, Oklahoma City, OK - Series of 500 pcs.
- 2019 - *"November Artist Series"* Picasso Cafe, Oklahoma City, OK - Gallery exhibition
- 2019 - *"Paintings of the Park"* Scissortail Park Foundation, Myriad Gardens, OKC, OK - Gallery exhibition
- 2018 - *"I Could Have Done That,"* Lil' D Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK - Gallery exhibition
- 2018 - **CURRENT** *Oklahoma Hall of Fame Museum*, Oklahoma City, OK - Indoor mural exhibition
- 2018 - **CURRENT** *Warby Parker*, Oklahoma City, OK - Indoor mural
- 2018 - **CURRENT** *Bonobos*, Oklahoma City, OK - Indoor mural and framed works
- 2017 - **CURRENT** - *"Abstract Passages,"* Oklahoma City, OK - 10,000 sq. ft. outdoor mural covering entire underpass
- 2017 - 2019 - *"Galacticat,"* 21c Museum Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK - Installation and gallery exhibition
- 2016 - *Pop-up Gallery*, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY
- 2016 - *Plaza Walls*, Oklahoma City, OK - 60' x 15' - Outdoor mural
- 2015 - *Clean Hands Army*, Tulsa, OK - Outdoor mural
- 2015 - *LowBrow Art Gallery*, Bushwick, Brooklyn, NY - Outdoor mural
- 2015 - *Verizon Wireless Open Studios of Bushwick*, Brooklyn, NY - 8' x 8' Outdoor mural
- 2015 - *"Thunder Pride,"* Oklahoma City, OK - Outdoor mural for The Oklahoma City Thunder
- 2015 - *"We Love Thunder,"* Oklahoma City, OK - Outdoor mural for The Oklahoma City Thunder
- 2014 - *Clean Hands Army*, Tulsa, OK - Outdoor mural

2014 - **"#WEARETHUNDER,"** Oklahoma City, OK - Outdoor mural for The Oklahoma City Thunder
 2014 - **Womb Gallery,** Oklahoma City, OK - Art show
 2012 - **Opening Night,** D.T.A. Arcata, CA - Installation and Art show
 2012 - **"The Art of Kris Kanaly,"** Coffee Slingers, Oklahoma City, OK - Art show
 2010 - **"611 Gallery presents Kris Kanaly,"** 611 Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK - Art show
 2010 - **"The Art of Kris Kanaly,"** 2631 Gallery, Kansas City, MO - Installation and Art show
 2009 - **"Fokus,"** Loose Leaf Gallery, Tulsa, OK - Installation and Art show
 2009 - **Velvet Monkey,** Oklahoma City, OK - Indoor mural
 2004 - **Wieden + Kennedy, Portland Ad Federation,** Portland, OR - Indoor mural
 2003 - **The Urban Soul,** Portland, OR - Indoor mural
 2002 - **The Deli,** Norman, OK - Indoor mural
 2001 - **Lovelight Club,** Norman, OK - Indoor mural

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

2018, 2019 - **"Artini,"** Oklahoma Farmers Market, Oklahoma City, OK
 2018, 2019 - **"Plaza Walls Mural Expo,"** Plaza District, Oklahoma City, OK - Outdoor mural
 2018, 2019 **"Habit Fest,"** Tulsa, OK - Gallery exhibition and outdoor mural
 2018, 2019 **"Mural Fest 66,"** Miami, OK - Gallery exhibition and outdoor mural
 2017 - **"Plaza Walls Mural Expo,"** Plaza District, Oklahoma City, OK - Outdoor mural
 2017 - **CURRENT "Rust Magic Mural Festival,"** Edmonton, Alberta, Canada - outdoor mural
 2017 - **"Habit Fest,"** Tulsa, OK - Gallery exhibition and outdoor mural
 2017 - **"Mural Fest 66,"** Miami, OK - Gallery exhibition and outdoor mural
 2017 - **"East Main Murals"** Norman, OK - Outdoor mural
 2017 - **"Biting the Apple,"** IAO Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK
 2017 - **"Artini,"** Oklahoma Farmers Market, Oklahoma City, OK
 2017 - **"Viva Las Veggas,"** Oklahoma City Museum of Art, Oklahoma City, OK
 2017 - **"Milk Crate Jam"** Oklahoma City, OK - Outdoor mural
 2016 - **"6x6 Plaza District Art Show,"** The Venue, Oklahoma City, OK
 2016 - **"Plaza Walls Mural Expo,"** Plaza District, Oklahoma City, OK - Outdoor mural
 2016 - **"Jean Genie,"** The Paseo Plunge Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK
 2016 - **Welling Court Mural Festival,** Queens, NYC, NY - Outdoor mural
 2016 - **"Habit Fest,"** Tulsa, OK - Gallery exhibition and outdoor mural
 2016 - **"Artini,"** Oklahoma Farmers Market, Oklahoma City, OK
 2016 - **"Pancakes & Booze,"** Oklahoma Farmers Market, Oklahoma City, OK
 2016 - **"Eggs, Drinks & Rock N Roll,"** Oklahoma City Museum of Art, Oklahoma City, OK
 2016 - **Plaza Walls,** Oklahoma City, OK - Outdoor mural
 2015 - **Halloween Group Show,** DNA Galleries, Oklahoma City, OK
 2015 - **"Nature of Things,"** Google Cultural Institute, Taste of Western, Oklahoma City, OK - Outdoor mural
 2015 - **Plaza Walls,** Outdoor Mural, Oklahoma City, OK
 2015 - **Graffiti Exhibition** Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma City, OK
 2015 - **"Secrets of the City,"** Invited Artists Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK
 2015 - **"WCMP: Wish You Were Here!"** Installation and exhibition, Shevaun Williams Gallery, Norman, OK
 2015 - **"Decked Out 3.0,"** Mainline Gallery Tulsa, OK
 2015 - **Welling Court Mural Festival,** Queens, NYC, NY - Outdoor mural
 2015 - **"The Braid,"** Oklahoma City, OK - 130ft. Outdoor mural
 2014 - **Welling Court Mural Festival,** Queens, NYC, NY - Outdoor mural
 2014 - **"Good Wood,"** Brass Bell Studios, Oklahoma City, OK
 2014 - **"Clogged Caps 9,"** San Antonio, TX - Art show and outdoor mural
 2013 - **Bushwick, Brooklyn,** NYC, NY - Outdoor mural
 2013 - **Welling Court,** Queens, NYC, NY - Outdoor mural
 2013 - **"Sidewalk Surfing"** History of Skateboarding Art and Culture, The Everhart Museum, Scranton, PA -
 Featured artist, installation and art exhibit
 2013 - **DNA grand re-opening,** DNA Galleries, Oklahoma City, OK

2013 - *"Pianos"* Science Museum, Oklahoma City, OK - Live painting of stand up pianos
 2013 - *"Recycled"* Science Museum, Oklahoma City, OK
 2012 - *"Halloween"* Coffee Slingers, Oklahoma City, OK
 2012 - *"Decked Out 2.0"* Tulsa, OK
 2012 - *"Red Dot"* IAO Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK
 2012 - *"10 x 10,"* People's Art of Portland, Portland, OR
 2011 - *"Red Dot"* IAO Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK
 2011 - *Warpaint Clothing Co.*, Oklahoma City, OK
 2011 - *Kris Kanaly and Scott Henderson*, Dwelling Spaces, Tulsa, OK
 2011 - *"Decked Out"* Tulsa, OK
 2011 - *Kris Kanaly and Thomas Woodward*, DNA Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK
 2010 - *"Rollin' Deep"* Oklahoma City, OK
 2010 - *OKC Arts Festival*, Live graffiti art exhibition - Featured artist
 2010 - *"Canvas,"* Oklahoma City, OK
 2010 - *"The Birth of Icons,"* Art Book published by Vans Inc. - Featured artist
 2009 - *CURRENT* - Vans Retail Outlets, Hand-painted shoes, 7 national locations
 2009 - *"Made You Look,"* Bricktown Warehouse, Oklahoma City, OK
 2008 - *"Made You Look,"* IAO Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK
 2005 - *"Made You Look,"* The Electric Chair Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK
 2005 - *"Albums,"* The Office, Portland, OR
 2004 - *NAC*, Portland, OR - Outdoor mural
 2004 - *"Off The Wall,"* Skateboard art show by Vans, Inc.
 2000 - *Paint Louis*, St. Louis, Missouri - Outdoor mural

HONORS & AWARDS

2019 - Addy Award, OKC Advertising Club, Scissortail Park logo
 2018 - Artist of the Year Award, Paseo Arts District
 2018 - Addy Award, OKC Advertising Club, Various designs for STAPLEGUN
 2017 - Guest speaker at the "Mayor's Development Round-table" in Oklahoma City
 2017 - Gold Addy Award, OKC Advertising Club, "Tulsa F-35" Brochure design for STAPLEGUN
 2016 - Impact Award Finalist, ULI Oklahoma, "Community Building Effort" for Plaza Walls mural project
 2016 - Best of OKC Award, "Best Public Art/Mural" for Plaza Walls mural project
 2016 - Gold Addy Award, OKC Advertising Club, "Oklahoma Works" Logo Design for STAPLEGUN
 2016 - Lowe Runkle "Distinguished Service" Award, OKC Ad Club, "Allied Arts Campaign" for STAPLEGUN
 2014 - Artwork featured on Huffington Post, *"Welling Court 2014, A Grassroots Mural Event Turns 5 in Queens"*
 2010 - Custom-painted shoes published in "The Birth of Icons" by Vans Inc.
 2008 - Interviewed and published in iDN Magazine featuring portfolio work.
 2008 - Addy Award, OKC Advertising Club, Art Direction for Ackerman McQueen
 2007 - 2nd place in Cut & Paste Design Tournament in Portland, OR
 2007 - Published and interviewed by Create Magazine for Package Design
 2005 - Best Package Design - Paperboard Packaging Design Council
 2002 - Graphic Arts Achievement Award, Oklahoma City Community College