

Bio

Why Yesterdaynite?

Mom: It's Last night, not Yesterdaynite!

Me: we give life to this dry ass language but when we use slang and flip words around

Then that's "black magic". Our people can turn wrong into better than good, that's what we do!

Alim Smith is a Delaware born interdisciplinary artist whose work has been exhibited in American art galleries primarily on the east coast. His artistic process expands beyond a singular medium due to several years of applied studies in Visual Art, Communicative Arts as well as Photography. Smith's creative exploration stems from experiences and events within his culture, applying a variety of ideas based on his knowledge of self and understanding of others.

Artist Statement

Everyday I am trying to think of ways to expose who I am and how I feel. My process often begins with a palette filled with colors. I don't have an image in mind of how I want my work to look, I just know that I want to paint and use all the colors that I have.

This process of using all the hues from each paint tube started in high school, I really enjoyed viewing images but I didn't always have the appropriate colors for skin tones. I didn't want to mix paint colors so instead, I decided to use the colorful palette that I had to express the idea I wanted to capture.

I love the idea of unconventional painting.

Alim Smith

Artist CV

Education: Cab Calloway School of the Arts, Wilmington, DE

Selected Group and Solo Exhibitions

2016

“Artsy Morale”, 661 S Dupont Hwy, New Castle, Delaware

“Philly Meets Brooklyn”, 2055 Fulton & Rockaway, Brooklyn, New York

“The Impromptu Art Show”, 316 N. Market, Wilmington, Delaware

“Honey, Ode to Babel” for Oshun NYC, Brooklyn, New York

4th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Peace March & Community Celebration

Oriinufilm Album Release Party , MoCADA Museum, New York

2015

Goldilocks Gallery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Prismatic, Miami Art Basel, Downtown Miami Beach, Florida

“These Walls” Solo Exhibition, Wilmington, Delaware

“Home” Group Exhibition 54+FINEART, Washington D.C

“God Em Festival”, Brooklyn, New York

“Color Brothers” Group Exhibition, Wilmington Delaware

“Black Stars Block Party Takeover”, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Solange Knowles, Green Party, Brooklyn New York.

Afropunk Festival, New York

Chris White Gallery and Shipley Artist Lofts, Wilmington Delaware

Levitea, Wilmington Delaware

Summer in The Plaza, H.B Dupont Park, Wilmington Delaware

Love Us, The 6th Annual Grand Production

Curation DC, Manor DC, Washington D.C

“In Living Color”, Solo Exhibition, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

“Elevated Trap”, Atlantic Ave, Brooklyn, New York

“Planet Her”, Solo Exhibition, Wilmington Delaware

“Life Through Color”, Live Painting for Terrance Vann Solo Exhibition, Wilmington Delaware

2014

Silent Auction, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, Delaware

“The Bassment”, Live at the Nomad, Wilmington Delaware

Philly Fest, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Commissions

54+FINEART logo, Washington D.C

Oshun NYC Flyer, Houston Texas Show

Before the Quarter, Kelechief, Album Cover, New York

Press

“Art on the Town”, The Wilmington Art Loop, Delaware :

<http://cityfestwilm.com/art-loop-wilmington-artist-feature-alim-smith/>

“What does black history look like for a millennial?”, Blavity :

<http://www.ydnite.com/press/2015/3/5/blavitycom-what-does-black-history-month-look-like-for-a-millennial>

“Hip Hop Illustrators”, Green Label:

<http://greenlabel.com/art/hip-hop-art-illustrators/>

“Artist Spotlight”, The Eclectic Society Movement :

<http://theeclecticsocietymovement.com/artist-spotlight-alim-smithyesterday-nite/>

“Artist Feature”, Afropunk :

<http://www.afropunk.com/m/blogpost?id=2059274%3ABlogPost%3A1245118>

“Interview”, Juviemag :

<http://juvenile510.com/interviews/2015/10/15/7o9uql3a9cenwgc4g00mewf3a6lpkp>

“Wilmington Artist shares creative impulses”, UDRReview :

<http://udreview.com/wilmington-artist-shares-creative-impulses/>

“Profiles”, Grungecake :

<http://grungecake.com/profiles-yesterday-nite/>

“What Yesterday Nite means to Black People”, Letemag :

<http://www.letemag.com/yesterdaynite>

“Artist Profile”, 54plusfineart :

<http://www.54plusfineart.com/artists/yesterday-nite>

“10 artist commandments by: Alim Smith”, Stereotypeco :

<http://www.stereotypeco.com/blog/2016/2/3/10-art-commandments-by-alim-smith>

“Just, Yesterdaynite”, After 3 Mag :

<http://www.after3mag.com/home/features/just-yesterday-nite/>

“Curation DC: The Art of Party ”, Whatartevokes :

<http://whatartevokes.com/2015/06/21/curationdc-partying-with-the-arts/>

“Figuring out Yesterday Nite”, Nubiism :

<http://www.ydnite.com/press/2015/3/18/nubiismcom-figuring-out-yesterday-nite>