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Kyle Ragsdale

Kyle Ragsdale, a graduate from Baylor University with a BFA in Painting, received his MFA in Painting from Southern Methodist University (SMU). Since then, he has worked as a gallery curator, set designer and adjunct professor. He has exhibited his work throughout the United States and has received multiple honors for his work as well as fellowships and residencies. He lives and works in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Artist Statement

My work is a collection of symbols. Figures, birds, flowers, foliage and envelopes function like text to trigger response and connections. In these paintings, I invite viewers to make their own interpretations and connections with the visual clues in the images. Like moments in time, memories and dreams, the figures and images serve as starters for dialogue with the viewer.

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HOURS

Wednesday – Friday, 11am-2pm
Evening and weekend appointments welcome



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Education and Work Experience

Vermont Studio Center – 1995, 1997-1999, 2002, 2004, 2009

Southern Methodist University (SMU),
MFA Painting, Full Graduate Fellowship – 1993

Baylor University, BFA Painting – 1989

Adjunct Painting Professor (curriculum designer IT),
Ivy Tech, Taylor – 2006-2010

Set Design & Painting, Summer Stock Stage
and Pheonix Theater – 2004-present

Curator, Harrison Art Gallery – 2002-present

Inner City Murals with students & Interior Home Murals
The Oxford American (illustration) – 1991-present

Teaching Assistant, SMU – 1991-1993

Curatorial and Artistic Consultant,
Artenergies Gallery – 1990-1993

Honors

Arts Council 46 for 46 Mural Artist, Indianapolis, IN – 2011

Masterpiece in a Day Winner, Indianapolis, IN – 2009

Arts Council Creative Renewal Fellowship,
Indianapolis, IN – 2007

Masterpiece in a Day Winner, Indianapolis, IN – 2006

Symphony on the Prairie 25th Anniversary
Poster Contest Winner, Indianapolis, IN – 2006

Heartland Film Festival, 15th Anniversary
Poster Contest Winner, Indianapolis, IN – 2006

Arts Council of Indianapolis Picture Windows 2005,
Urban Interpretations, Indianapolis, IN – 2005

Stutz Residency Recipient, Indianapolis, IN – 2001-2002

Masterpiece in a Day Prize-Winner, Indianapolis, IN – 2001

Full Scholarship to Vermont Studio Center – March 2002

Solo Exhibitions

City Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2011

Costumerie, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2011

New Work, Rubinkam Gallery, Douglas, MI – 2011

Alliaja, Jewish Community Center, Indianapolis, IN – 2011

Share Half Share, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN –
2010

New Work, Rubinkam Gallery, Douglas, MI – 2010

Historical Fiction, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN –
2009

New Work, Rubinkam Gallery, Douglas MI – 2009

New Work, Norwood Flynn Gallery, Dallas TX – 2009

Aria, Clowes Hall, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN –
2008

Danke Schoen, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2007

Debutantes & Drummers, Gallery No. 2,
Indianapolis, IN – 2006

Unbeknownst, Big Car North, Indianapolis, IN – 2006

Soiree, AXIS Architecture, Indianapolis, IN – 2006

Sweet Spot, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2005

Kyle Ragsdale – Paintings and Prints, Taylor University,
Upland, IN – 2005

Honey, I'm Home, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2004

Reluctant Bridesmaids, Clowes Hall, Butler University,
Indianapolis, IN – 2004

Backslider, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2003

Plank, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2002

Love in the Time of Football, Harrison Gallery,
Indianapolis, IN – 2001

Group Exhibitions

Put a Bird on It, Harrison Center, Indianapolis, IN – 2011

Sugar Plum, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2011

FoodCon, Harrison Center, Indianapolis, IN – 2011

Orange Crush, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2010

Black & White & Read All Over, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2009

Unusual Animals, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2007

White Christmas, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2007

Schooled, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2006

Orange, Indianapolis, IN – 2003-2006

IDADA Group Show, Indianapolis, IN – 2005

Just Cause, Just 'Cuz, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2005

Research Triangles, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2004

Ft. Wayne Biennial, Ft. Wayne Art Museum, Ft. Wayne, IN – 2004

Wheeler Christmas Show, Indianapolis, IN – 2003

Wintergreen, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2003

Scrabble Rules/Hoosier Craft, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2003

Scapes, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2003

Up and About, Harrison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2003

Stutz Open House, Indianapolis, IN – 2002, 2003

Brought to You by the Letter H, Indianapolis, IN – 2002

Lounge Act, Gilda's, Indianapolis, IN – 2002

Allotrope, Indianapolis, IN – 2001-2002

Stutz Holiday Show, Indianapolis, IN – 2001

Art Expo, Steeple Gallery, Chicago, IL – 2001

Installationfest, 4star Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2001

Walk CIVA Conference, University of Dallas, Dallas, TX – 2001

National Juried Art Exhibit, San Juan College, Farmington, NM – 2001

In Print, Indianapolis Printmakers Travelling Show – various locations including Indiana Historic Society and Hoosier Salon, Indianapolis, IN – 1999-2001

Indiana Now, Lafayette Museum, Lafayette, IN – 2001

Grand Opening, Douglas Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – 2000

Summer Show, Henderson Gallery, Fort Worth, TX – 2000

Mitchell, Ragsdale, Flautt Southside Gallery, Oxford, MS – 2000

Award Winner Group Show, Indianapolis Art Center, Indianapolis, IN – 1999

Diana Show, Red Mill Gallery, Johnson, VT – 1998

Group Show, Southside Gallery, Oxford, MS – 1994

Group Show, Art Texas International, TX – 1993-94

MFA Qualifying Exhibit, SMU, Dallas, TX – 1993

Taos Landscape Show, SMU In Taos, Taos, NM – 1992

Ornaments, Artenergies Gallery, Fort Worth, TX – 1991-1996

Main Street Juried Show, Main Street, Fort Worth, TX – 1991

Gallery Night and Preview, Artenergies Gallery, Fort Worth, TX – 1990-1993

Influences

Include but not limited to: Peter Greenaway, Bjork, gorillas, Chris Brown, Dorothy Sayers, 60s animation and textiles, Fiona Rae, Ross, Gustav Klimt, Royal Tennembaums, David Bates, golf, Squeak Carwrath, Deibenkorn, Amelie, Bob Wills, 50s furniture, Radiohead, Tjepelo, Gary Hume, Gerhard Richter, Patsy Cline, Alex Katz, Scrabble, Harry Potter, James Rhiley, Luc Tuymans, *Wallpaper** magazine

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