

Colleen Blackard

Artist Statement:

By presenting a strong graphic sensibility that maintains an ethereal quality. Colleen's art shares her experience of the universe. She builds up masses of ballpoint pen circles to create patterns of shadow and light that define the subject. She chooses this time-consuming yet meditative process as a way to describe the beauty of existence and give life to every detail.

Colleen explores different themes in her various series, demonstrating progression from technical mastery of luminosity to its conceptual application:

- *For the Universe* – pinpoints of light carved out of darkness.
- *The Nature of Ballpoint* – landscapes and cityscapes integrated with celestial lights.
- *Uncle William* – the universal sense of belonging regardless of perceived abnormality such as Down's Syndrome.
- *Fading Memories; Emerging Spirit* – the intangible, episodic nature of memory and the freedom that results from memory loss in Alzheimer's Disease.
- *Shifting Perception* – assimilation of images from memory (viewers touch translucent overlay to complete the drawing underneath).
- *Abandoned Series* – themes of sibling rivalry, heartbreak, and loneliness are expressed on a large scale in various media through the experiences of a personified abandoned barn.

From Austin, Texas, Colleen Blackard is currently based in Brooklyn, NY and creates drawings inspired by the light of the Texas night skies of her youth. She received a BA from Hampshire College, MA. Her first solo exhibition "For The Universe" opened in 2009 at Hampshire College Gallery, and since then her drawings have been shown around the world in London, Moscow, Tokyo, New York City, and more. Her work has been featured in such venues as Fountain Art Fair, Rush Arts Gallery, Family Business Gallery, and Times Square. She was featured in the Brooklyn episode of the Japanese travel show, Hotel no Madokora, and is represented by ISSO Gallery in Tokyo. Her drawings are also in Pierogi Gallery's Flat Files in NYC.

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Colleen Blackard CV

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EDUCATION

2009 BA Studio Arts, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

HONORS AND AWARDS/ GRANTS

2015

Top Ten Artists of 2014, artistoftheday.com, Jan 2015

2012

Art Takes Times Square, Artists Wanted billboard exhibition in Times Square, NY, June 2012

Artist of the Year, Greenpoint Gallery, Jan 2012

2011

Top 150 NYC entries, Curate NYC, exhibition at Rush Arts Gallery, Chelsea, NY, Dec 2011

1st place, Greenpoint Gallery Annual Drawing Salon Show, Dec 2011

2010

BetterArt Artist Residency, Better Farm, Redwood, NY, June 2010

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2015

Pleiades Gallery, New York, NY

Galerie Protégé, New York, NY

ISSO Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Luhring Augustine Gallery, New York, NY

2014

Van Der Plas Gallery, New York, NY

BFP Creative, Brooklyn, NY

Gallery 77, Jackson Heights, NY

Neo-Futurists Gala, New York, NY

Conception Gallery, New York, NY

Fridge Art Fair, New York, NY

ISSO Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2013

Six Summit Gallery, Ivoryton, CT

Gallery Brooklyn, NY

House Gallery, London, UK

Fountain Art Fair, New York, NY

RH Gallery, New York, NY

2012

Marina Tsvetaeva Museum, Moscow, Russia

GLAAD Art Auction, New York, NY

4Heads Governor's Island Art Fair, New York, NY

Art Takes Times Square, New York, NY

It's a Small, Small World, Family Business, New York, NY

Dino Eli Gallery, New York, NY

2011

Rush Arts Gallery, New York, NY

GLAAD OUTAuction, New York, NY

Greenpoint Gallery Winners Circle Exhibition, Brooklyn, NY

The Grady Alexis Gallery, New York, NY

Sloan Fine Art, New York, NY

2010

Orchard Windows Gallery, New York, NY

The Lexington Avenue Armory, NYC

GROUP EXHIBITIONS CONT'D

2009

First Night by Real Gallery, Austin, TX

Northampton Center for the Arts, MA

Hampshire College Main Gallery, MA

2008

Eli Marsh Gallery, Amherst, MA

Real Gallery, Austin, TX

2007

Eli Marsh Gallery, Amherst, MA

Hampshire College Main Gallery, MA

SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2014

Gallery 77, Jackson Heights, NY

GP's on Hamilton Park, Jersey City, NJ

2012

Orchard Windows Gallery, New York, NY

Greenpoint Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

2010

American Art Gallery, New York, NY

Better Farm, Redwood, NY

Scarbrough Building, Austin, TX

Flipnotics, Austin, TX

2009

Hampshire College Main Gallery, MA

COLLECTIONS

[Pierogi Gallery Flat Files](#), Brooklyn, NY

Marina Tsvetaeva Museum, Moscow, Russia

Amherst College, MA

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