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Opera Gallery Singapore is proud to welcome Shepard Fairey for his first ever solo exhibition in Southeast Asia, titled "The Future is Unwritten". The exhibition comprises unique canvases, works on paper, hand-painted multiples and prints. Fairey will also be creating a monumental new mural in Tanjong Pagar Conservation Area, a center for culture and history in Singapore. The gallery is thrilled to introduce the artist to the city's burgeoning art landscape on his first ever visit to the country.

Shepard Fairey is a graphic designer, activist, illustrator, musician and founder of streetwear brand OBEY Clothing, but perhaps best known as a celebrated street artist. Initially shaped by skateboarding culture but deeply rooted in social activism, Fairey's creative practice embodies the essence of street art's multi-dimensionality and serves as a powerful visual manifestation of the interwoven nature of everyday life in urban settings and beyond.

His origin story as an artist began with the famous *Andre the Giant has a Posse* sticker which began as an inside joke among friends. The rest is history; from the larger-than-life *Obey Giant* campaign to the famous Barack Obama *Hope* poster and immediately recognisable wall murals in all of the world's biggest cities. Fairey's iconic visual oeuvre comprised of social critique often rendered in bold, symbolic color palettes continues to challenge the viewers interpretation and interaction with urban landscapes.

Street art deconstructs and reconstructs; rattles and pulls together. Fairey's art is neither selective nor is it exclusive – it is for everyone, with all barriers removed. The artist's symbols, motifs and universal imagery form their own cohesive visual language. At first glance the messages in his work are concise with immediate impact. With time, the works become an interstice into culture as we know it. The greatest works of art are only made great by the kind of dialogues they start. With a flourish of spray paint cans, Fairey continues to set the world into fervent conversation.

The Future is Unwritten explores old and new themes. Ranging from signature imagery presented in a new light to brand new works exploring timely themes. Through his bold use of color and form, Fairey brings attention to social issues like environmentalism, human rights, equality, and racism. In today's post-COVID world where many outdated narratives have unraveled and we are collectively forced to reckon with the past and look towards an uncertain future, Fairey's art calls to question the values we hold, and our choices going forward in hopes of shaping a more conscious society and kinder humanity.

We welcome you to step into Shepard Fairey's universe of symbolic expression and be inspired to create the yet unwritten future that belongs to us all.

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# PUNK TO PANACHE: SHEPARD FAIREY'S ICONOGRAPHY IN CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

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From silk-screened stickers to museum surveys, the trajectory of Shepard Fairey's art has progressed from imagery you might find on a skateboard deck to his iconic image of President Barack Obama that hangs in the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery, Washington DC. Historically, as an artist is critically celebrated, the availability of their artwork often diminishes, removing it further from public consumption. Yet Fairey's progression from a relatively unknown street artist to a global creator and brand contradicts this narrative as he continues to live and exhibit within a variety of subcultures simultaneously, from blue-chip galleries to traffic switching boxes at busy intersections. This paradoxical strategy defies artworld conventions of success but exemplifies the path that Fairev has taken: rejecting conventional strategies and establishing new avenues for collectors, artists, and arts professionals to engage the arts. At any given time, you may encounter the art of Shepard Fairey as a curated mural, a protest sign, on an array of clothing and accessories, or as artwork in a gallery or museum. Given the plethora of Fairey's output in Pop culture and visual art, the following essay aims to contextualise his imagery and its various modes of delivery to better understand the conceptual agenda of his work and how it has continued to hold a significant and important role in contemporary culture.

Fairey spent his formative years in South Carolina, in the Southern region of the US, before attending and honing his artistic interests in high school at California's Idyllwild Arts Academy. He first found his identity through skateboarding and punk music and the corresponding ideologies that furthered his interest in low-tech art processes and antiestablishment philosophies. While a student at the Rhode Island School of Design, he developed a

crude version of his "Andre the Giant has a Posse" sticker that later developed into the Obey Giant campaign in the 1990s. He learned through his early experiences that by repeating imagery and placing it in the street, the graphics took on a life of their own. One could even say these street works had an implied power because of their repetition, similar to methods used by advertisements and marketers. Yet Fairey's ironic use of the word OBEY was a call to do just the opposite; it was intended to be a wake-up call to question the manipulative signals we encounter throughout visual culture. A reaffirming message that one does not need to find their significance through advertising and brands, this metaphysical manipulation is questioned by Fairey's art to remind the viewer that they are ultimately in control of their actions and that they are welcome to join him in his rebellion.

Fairey developed a strong graphic style in subsequent years, utilising a black, red and white colour palette coupled with bold graphics symbols, which he often layered and built upon as his inventory of images increased. Taking cues from American artists like Barbara Kruger and Robbie Conal as well as musical influences like punk and rap mixed with movements like Russian Constructivism and historic propaganda posters, he refined his voice as his imagery grew increasingly layered and complex in the subsequent decades. One can see evidence of these developments of how stencils are used to build increasingly complex compositions and the introduction of new values and colours into his identifiable aesthetic.

Fairey has long celebrated culturally-relevant and politically-inspiring concepts and people in his work but one can also see a growing interest in self-empowerment and social issues like

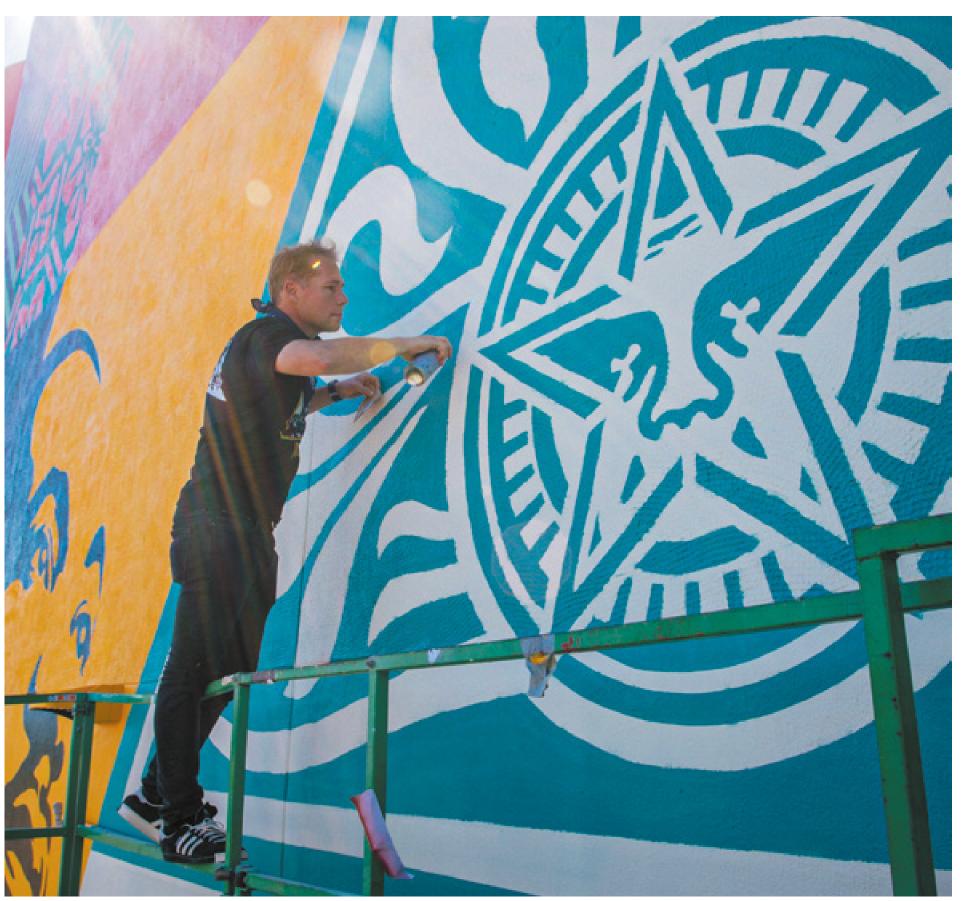
environmentalism, human rights, equality, opposition to abusive power, sustainability, immigration, civil rights, and racism that are raised in bold and humorous ways to bring attention, advocate and educate. To accomplish these goals, the artist utilises a strong index of symbols to signify these ideas, often juxtaposing imagery and text to highlight the issue.

The challenge for an artist is often how one can create images that are relatable to a larger number of viewers that will not be taken out of context or rejected upon first view. These symbols have evolved over time to include broader themes that are familiar, even if the theme is difficult or controversial. One can see how Fairey can use flowers (often a lotus), weapons, scales, and doves to refer to themes of enlightenment, violence, justice and peace. Yet these symbols are then placed alongside additional imagery that requires the viewer to make deeper connections and associations that are not always as blatant.

In this way, Fairey focuses on communication; on a meta level, his message is about being part of a global community with each artwork representing a thought that fits within the larger Œuvre. As one reviews the recurring imagery, juxtapositions like guns and flowers often address gun control or peace efforts while a raised fist may suggest empowerment or the beliefs of an individual or group. This symbolically laden communication is a seductive gateway that leads the viewer into this belief system and ideally initiates further conversation.

The Opera Gallery exhibition in Singapore features a large number of new works that point toward Fairey's development, but it also includes classic imagery that has been refreshed and reflects on his history of image-making. Fairey's rich use of pattern along with motifs influenced by a variety of cultures throughout history come together harmoniously. These compositions appear to be metaphorical for his ideas about people working together for the betterment of society. Ideally, this communication can function as a kind of homogeneity, where viewers from distinct backgrounds can find something of themselves within the composition without the imagery being closed off to others.

While Fairey can be situated within the history of propaganda, political art, or even Contemporary Pop Surrealism, it's his affiliation with street art internationally that is strongest. The rebellious art form is differentiated from graffiti by its use of



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media outside of spray paint and the inclusion of recognisable images and graphics. This is why it translates so well into a public art form: because it's made for everyone instead of a specialised audience. This accessibility and proximity to where people live and work is partly to educate and motivate viewers. Fairey states: "I hope that people will get an understanding of my belief that we are world citizens and that we all have a lot in common. The principles of respect, fairness, and equality should be global traits and that art has a role in shaping people's attitudes about these principles."

Shepard Fairey is celebrated for his street art and his unique ability to ubiquitously distribute his brand of imagery across a range of mediums. Operating outside what we might consider the traditional art world, Fairey has been able to establish multiple lines of communication that are true to his punk and DIY (Do it Yourself) roots. An artist that inhabits diametrically opposed circles, Fairey is up front about his interest in avenues inside and outside of the art world where his artwork takes on so many different forms. The power of these collected impressions has a ripple effect that whispers and nudges upon a single viewing but begins to echo and gain prominence as it's seen multiple times over. Shaping the public's principles through art may seem like a lofty challenge, but that's exactly what Fairey does with every image he pours into our global visual culture.

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Creating and Teaching.



**66** WITH THE TITLE 'THE FUTURE IS UNWRITTEN' AND THE TOPICS I'M TACKLING, I'M ASKING THE AUDIENCE TO CONSIDER HOPE AND ACTION OVER NIHILISM. I CREATE ART AS A PERSONAL MEDITATION ON COMPLEX GLOBAL ISSUES, DISTILLING **IDEAS DOWN TO COMPOSITIONS AIMING** TO PROVIDE BEAUTY AND A MESSAGE. MY MESSAGES LEAVE EACH VIEWER SPACE FOR INTERPRETATION, BUT MY GOAL REMAINS TO INSPIRE A SPARK AGAINST APATHY. I ALSO FIND A LOT OF JOY IN CREATING BEAUTIFUL PATTERNS AND SYMBOLS, AND I'M EXCITED TO SHARE MY WORK WITH SINGAPORE THROUGH OPERA GALLERY. "" SAID SHEPARD FAIREY.

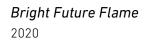
#### **ARTIST STATEMENT**

'The Future Is Unwritten' is an extensive body of new work which showcases Fairey's signature aesthetics and motifs combined with evolving techniques, visual strategies, and brand-new imagery. The title 'The Future Is Unwritten' is inspired by a slogan from one of Fairey's musical heroes, Joe Strummer of the Clash. At a time when the world faces numerous crises, including climate change, war, nationalism, pervasive disinformation, and an erosion of democracy, the belief that art can inspire action and shape a more positive future drives Fairey. The works comprising 'The Future Is Unwritten' include: mixed-media paintings on canvas, unique works on paper, multi-panel modular pieces, prints on wood and metal, original illustrations, retired stencils, and round works on panel and paper.

Beyond just the overt social and political narratives visible in Fairey's art, his recent work has embraced more symbolic concepts of harmony and inter-connectedness ranging from the spiritual wholeness and unity of the circle as a format to the relationships which reveal themselves between seemingly disparate panels in his modular compositions. The interplay of images, patterns, text, geometric elements, and collages visible in the works in 'The Future Is Unwritten' achieve a dynamic visual rhythm while reminding the viewer of the interwoven nature of many of the world's concerns.

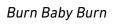






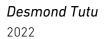
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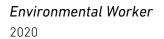
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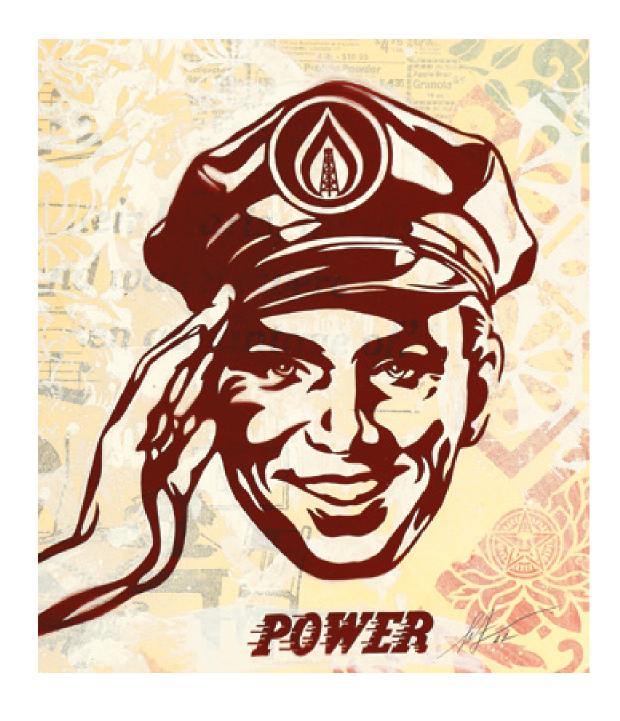
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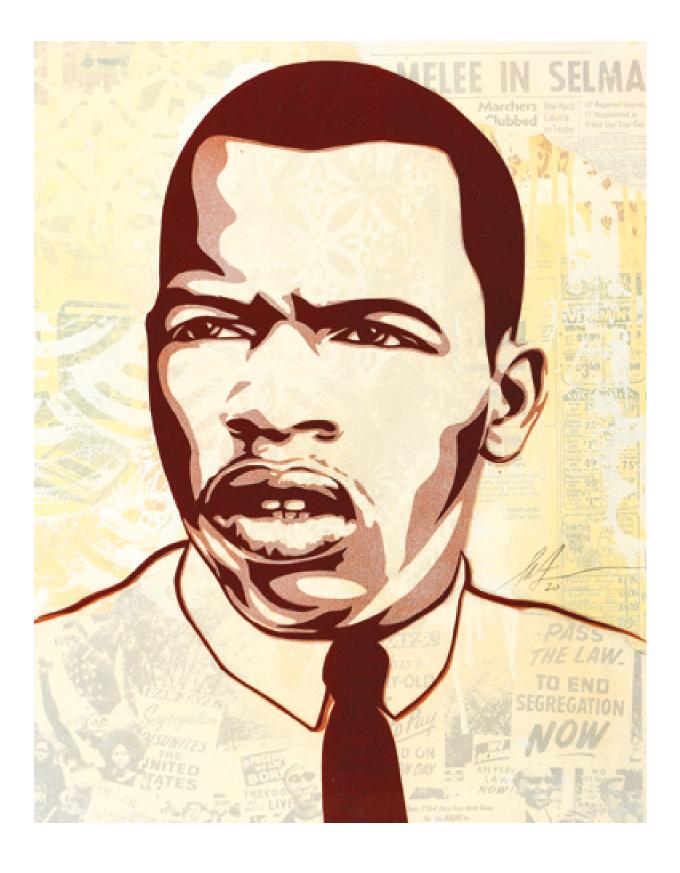
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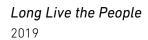
2022

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John Lewis-Good Trouble 2020

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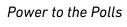


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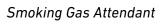
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Revolution in Our Time

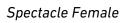
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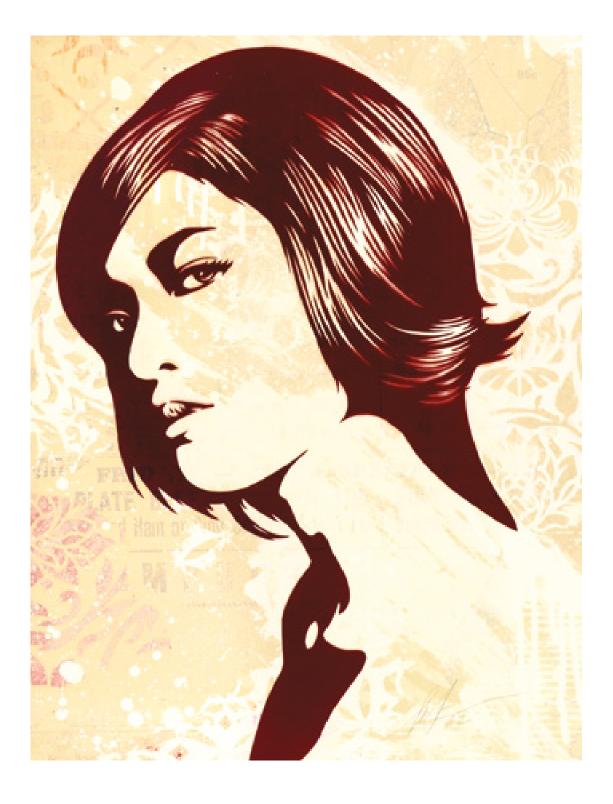


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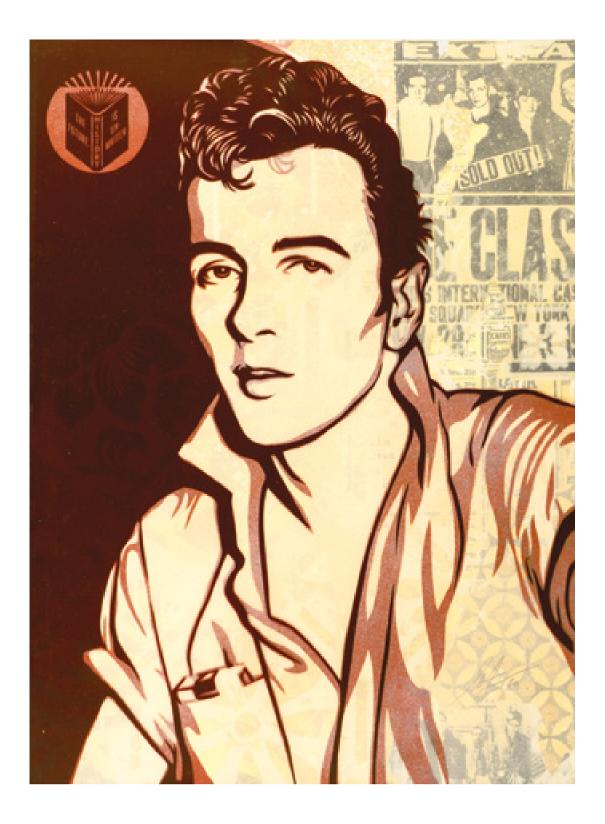


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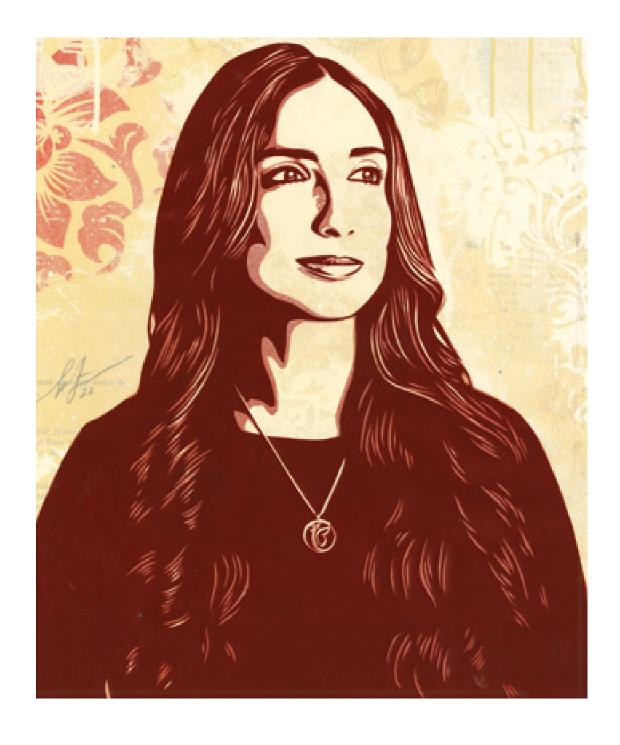
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# **Thurgood Marshall** 2017

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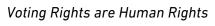
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## Valor and Grace Nurse

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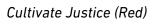
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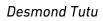
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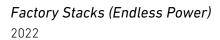


















Geometric Power, Version 1

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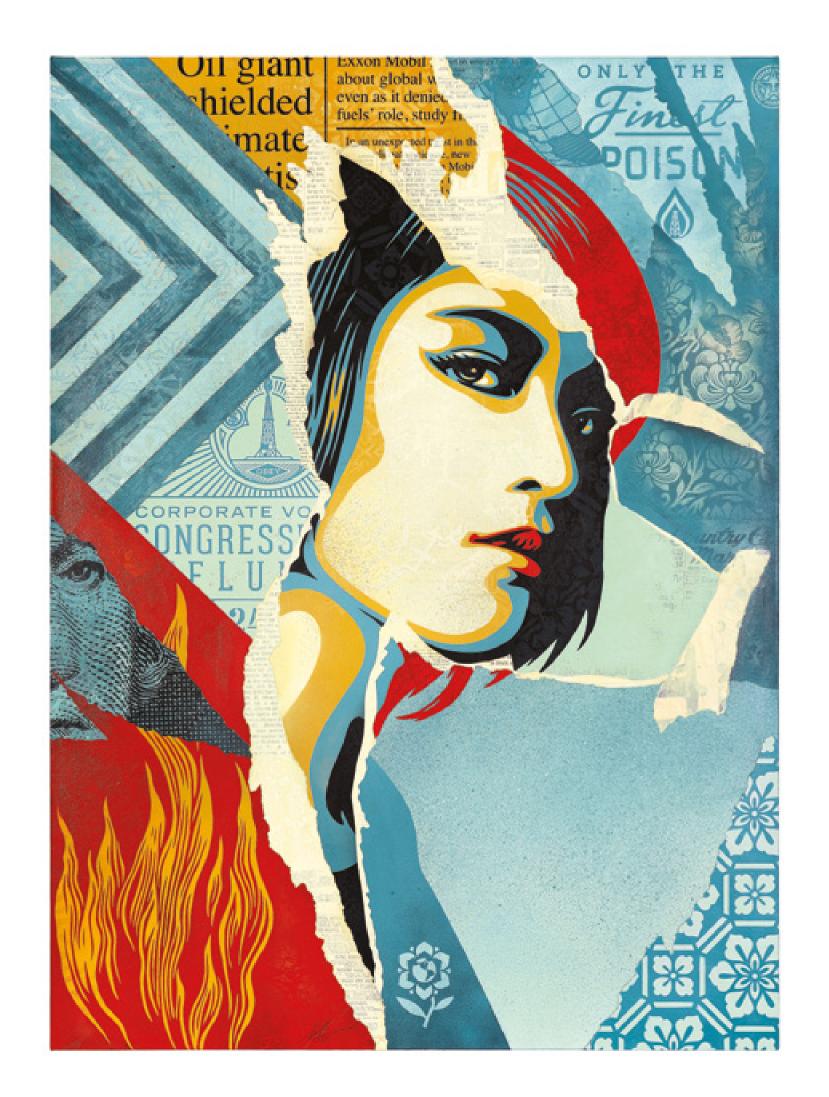
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Ideal Power Mural Study, Version 2

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Only the Finest Poison, Version 1 2023

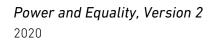


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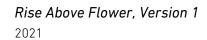
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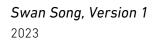






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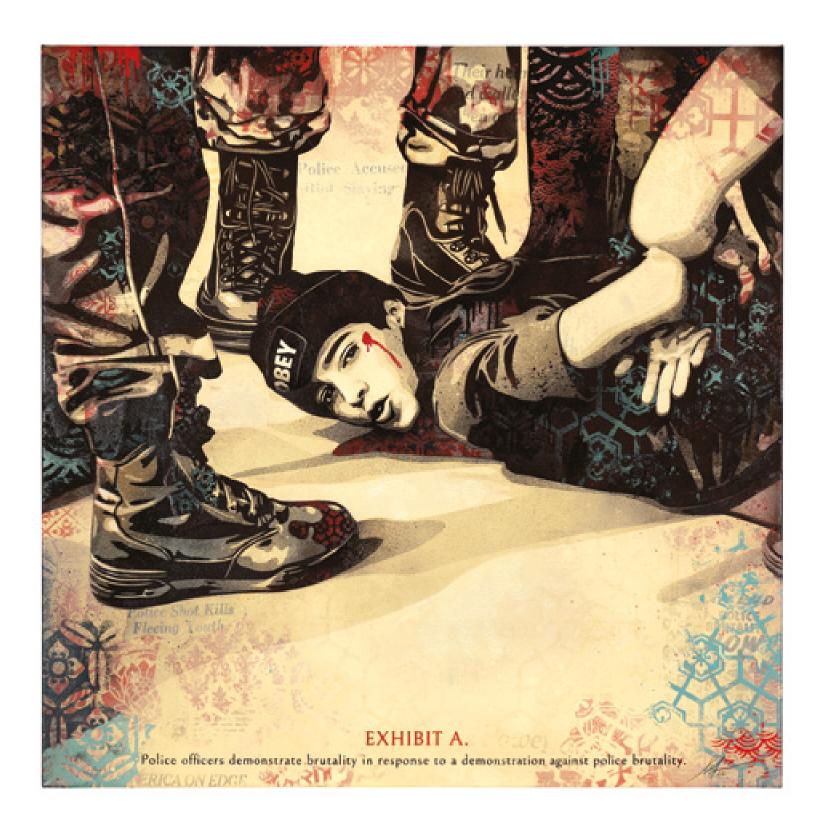
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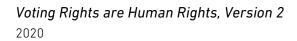
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The Woman Who Defeated Pain (Frida Kahlo), Version 2 2023

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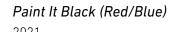
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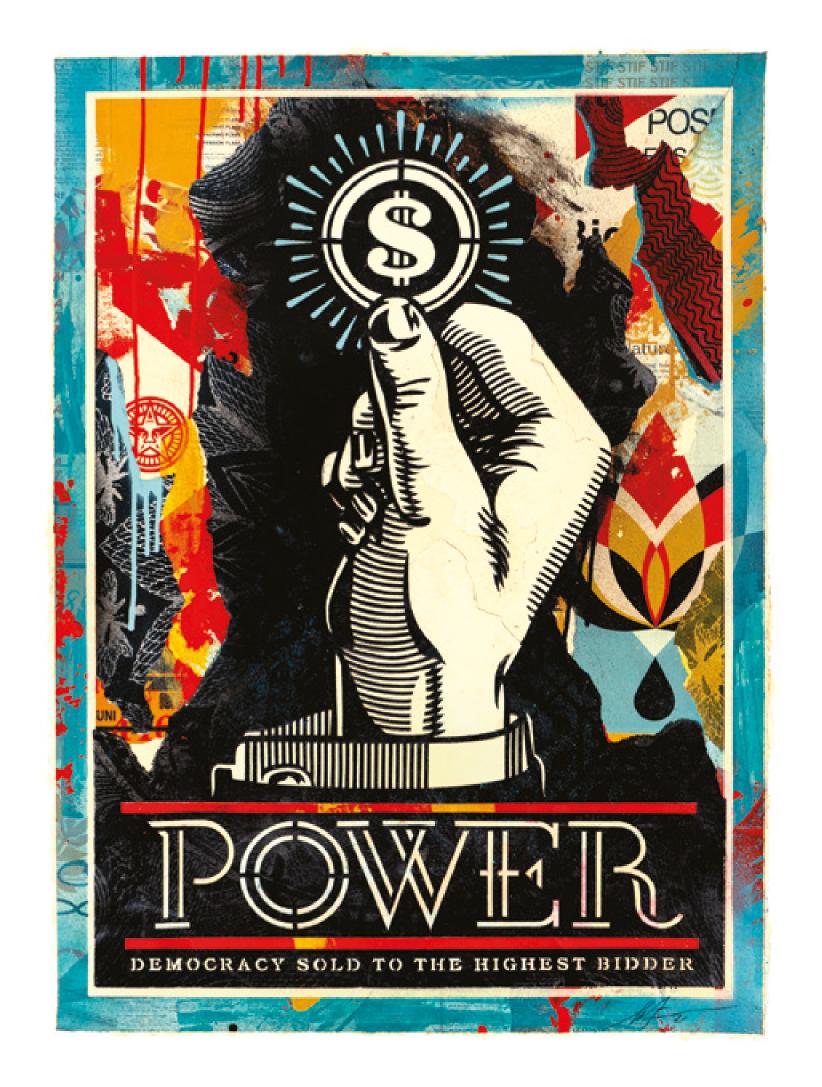


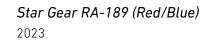
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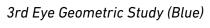
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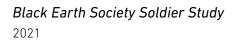
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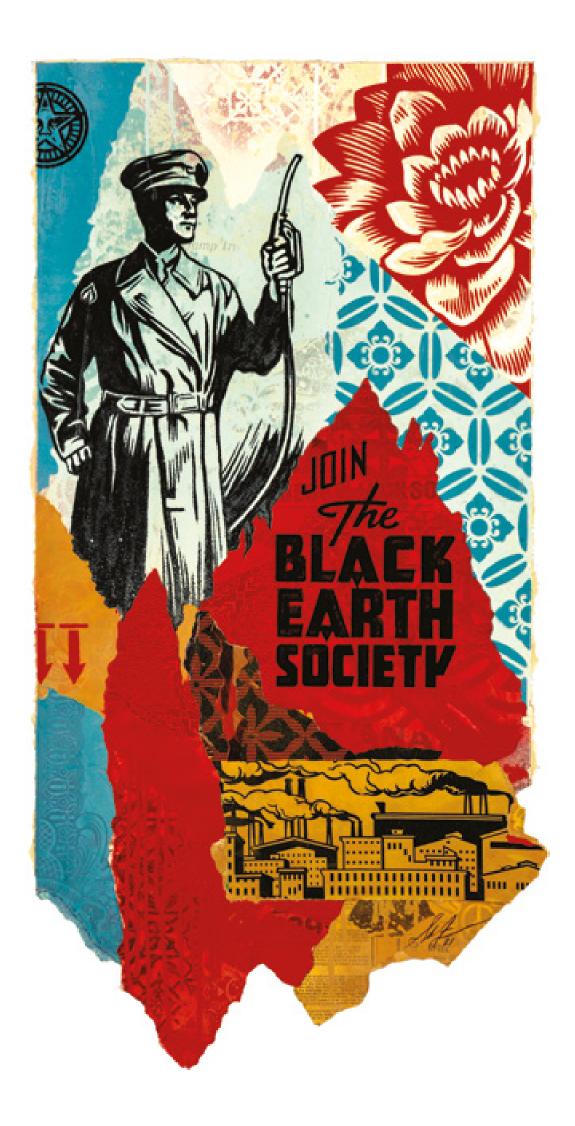


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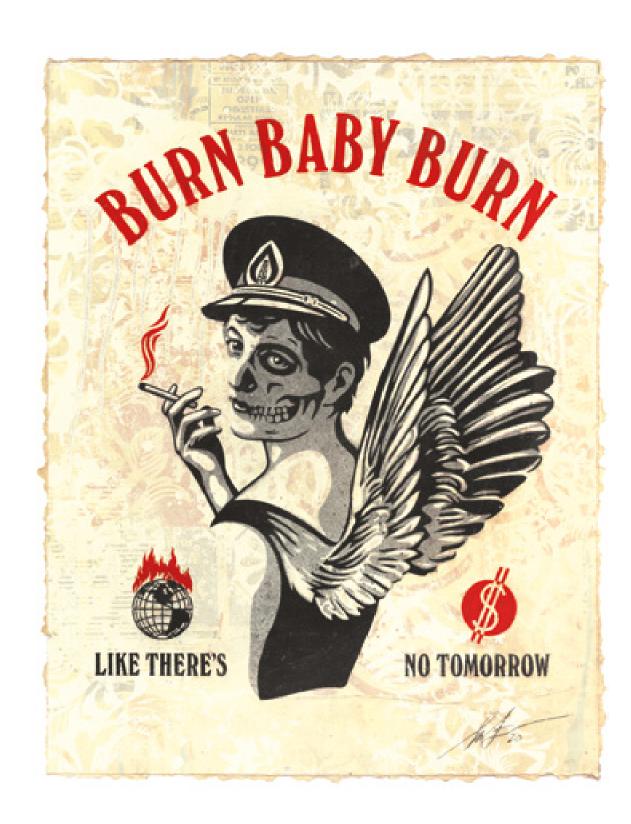






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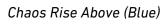
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#### Burn Baby Burn (Cream)

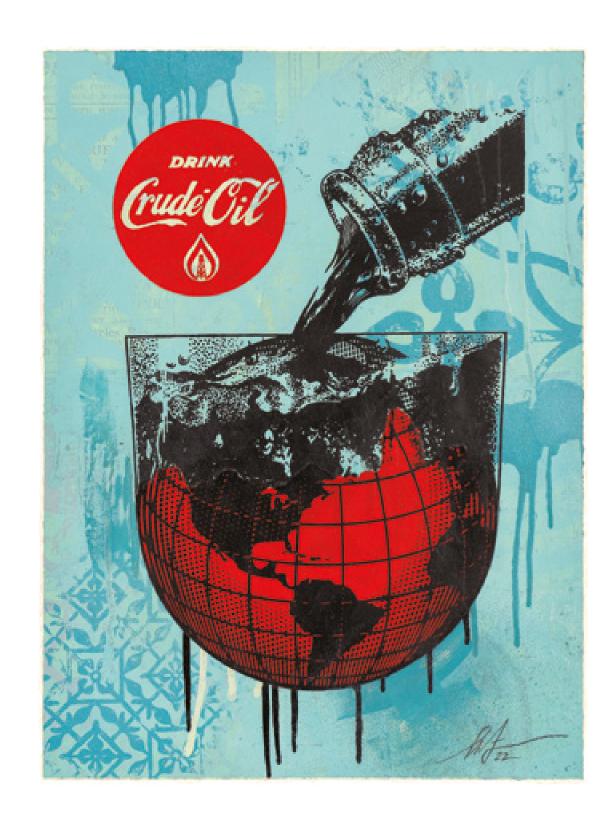
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# Drink Crude Cup (Red Earth/Blue Background)

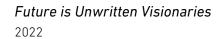
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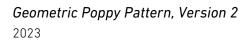
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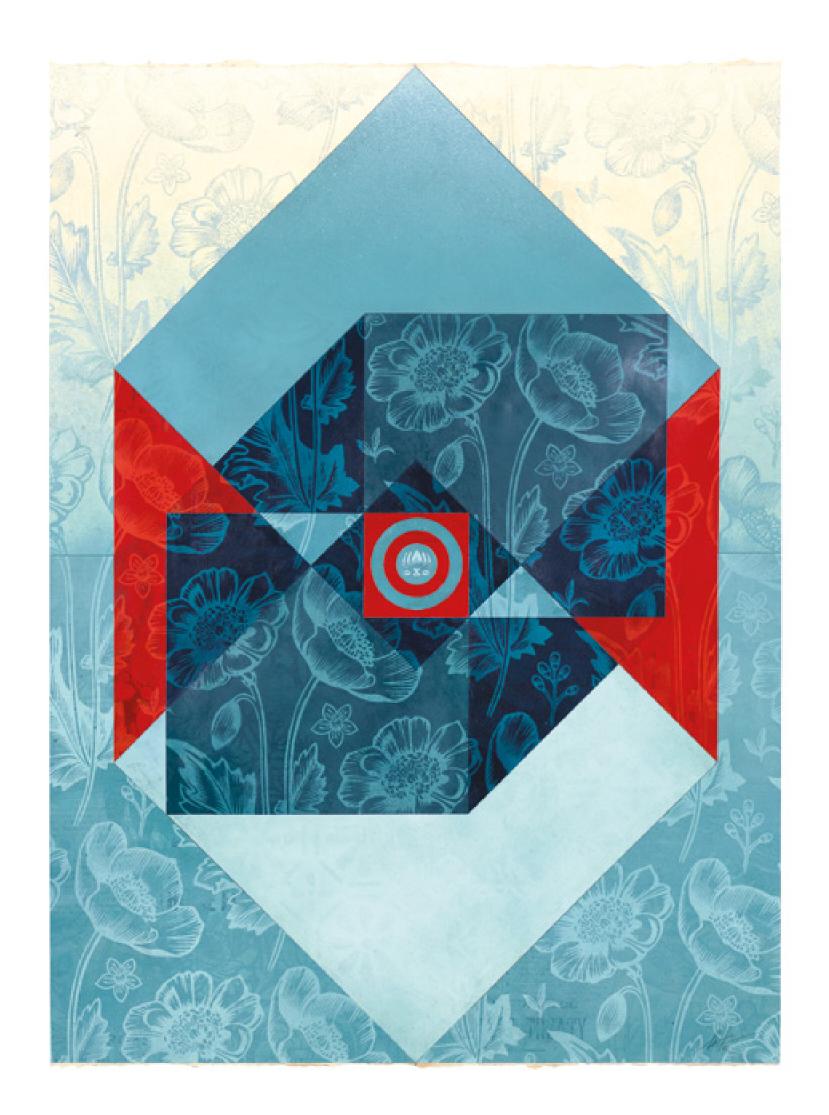


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Lotus Hands Stencil, Version 2 2023

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 45.7 x 35.5 cm | 18 x 14 in







Lotus Study, Version 10

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper  $50.8 \times 40.6 \text{ cm} \mid 20 \times 16 \text{ in}$ 

Lotus Study, Version 11

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Lotus Study, Version 12

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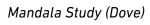
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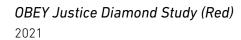
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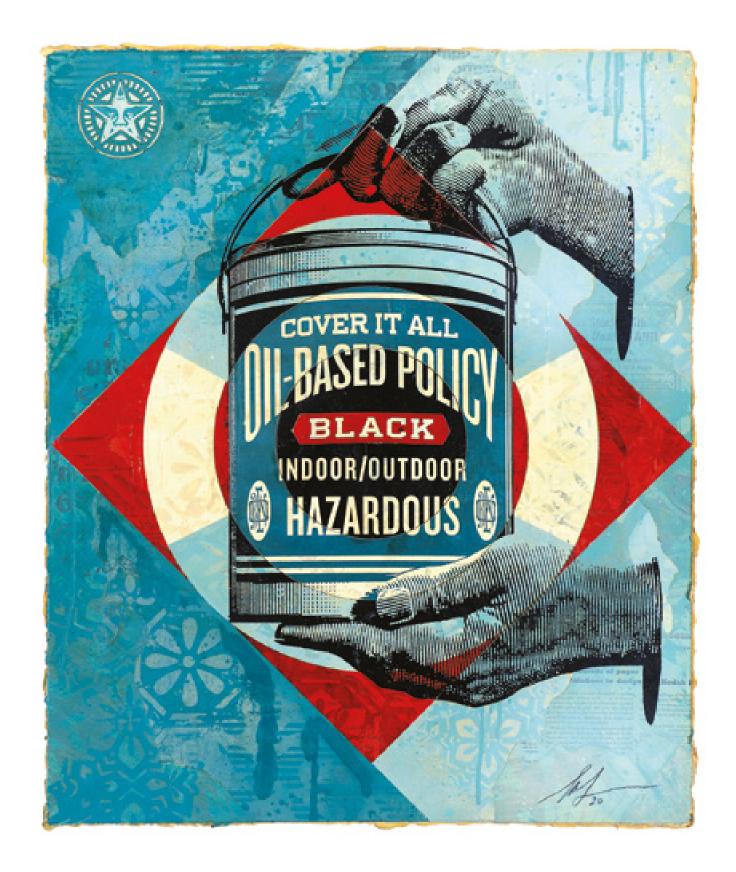


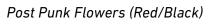
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Paint It Black Can (Geometric Study), Version 1 2020

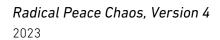
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Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 151.1 x 91.4 cm | 59.5 x 36 in





Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 61 x 91.4 cm | 24 x 36 in







Dove Wreath 3

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Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper  $\varnothing$  61 cm | 24 in

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Dove Wreath 4

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Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper  $\varnothing$  61 cm | 24 in





Floral Diamond 4

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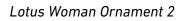
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Freedom Dove 2

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Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper  $\varnothing$  61 cm | 24 in



Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper  $\varnothing$  61 cm | 24 in







### Mandala Monochromatic 1

2021

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper  $\ensuremath{\varnothing}$  61 cm | 24 in

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# Mandala Monochromatic 2

2021

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper  $\ensuremath{\varnothing}$  61 cm | 24 in





### Mandala Monochromatic 3

2021

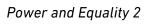
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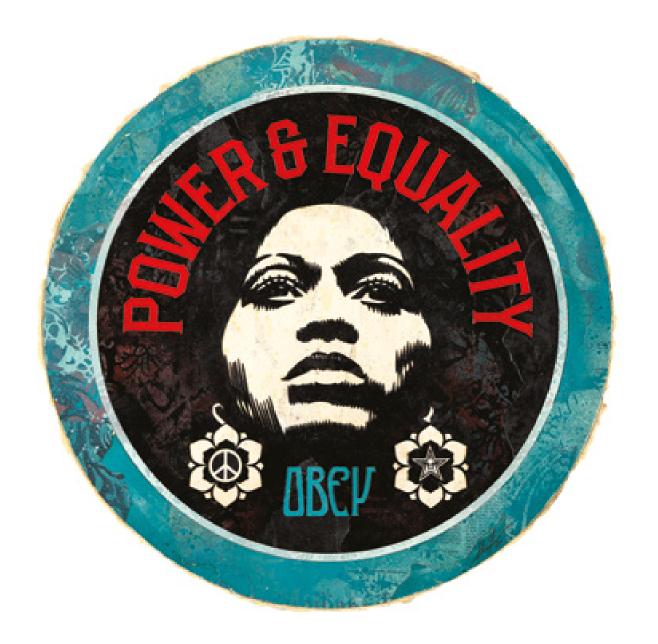
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2021

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper  $\varnothing$  61 cm | 24 in



Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper  $\varnothing$  61 cm | 24 in







### Radiant Lotus 4

2021

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper  $\ensuremath{\varnothing}$  61 cm | 24 in

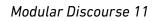
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### Respect and Justice 2

2021

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper  $\varnothing$  61 cm | 24 in

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Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in







Modular Discourse 18

2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in

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Modular Discourse 26

2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in





Modular Discourse 27

2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in

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Modular Discourse 30

2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in





2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in

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Modular Discourse 35

2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in





2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in

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Modular Discourse 38

2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in





2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in

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Modular Discourse 41

2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in





2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in

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Modular Discourse 44

2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in





2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in

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Modular Discourse 47

2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in





2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in

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Modular Discourse 50

2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in





2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper 69.2 x 68.6 cm | 27.2 x 27 in

Not Great Men Quad 1

2022

Mixed Media (Stencil, Silkscreen and Collage) on Paper  $70.5 \times 69 \text{ cm} \mid 27.7 \times 27.2 \text{ in}$ 







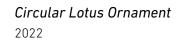
Abstract. Hand. Flower (Rise Above Barbwire)

2022

Ink on Retired Letterpress Plate 31 x 33.3 cm | 12.2 x 13.1 in Lotus Hands, Version 3

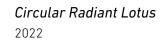
2023

Ink on Retired Letterpress Plate 29.2 x 25.4 cm | 11.5 x 10 in



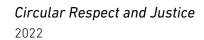
Mixed Media on Wood Panel ∅ 183 cm | 72 in





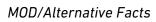
Mixed Media on Wood Panel ∅ 183 cm | 72 in





Mixed Media on Wood Panel ∅ 183 cm | 72 in





2022

Mixed Media on Wood Panel (4 panels) 183 x 183 cm | 72 x 72 in







## MOD/Decoding Disinformation

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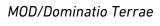
Mixed Media on Wood Panel (4 panels) 183 x 183 cm | 72 x 72 in

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## MOD/Desert Today

2022

Mixed Media on Wood Panel (4 panels) 183 x 183 cm | 72 x 72 in



2022

Mixed Media on Wood Panel (4 panels) 183 x 183 cm | 72 x 72 in







## MOD/Peace and Freedom Dove

2022

Mixed Media on Wood Panel (4 panels) 183 x 183 cm | 72 x 72 in

## MOD/Substandard Industries

2022

Mixed Media on Wood Panel (4 panels) 183 x 183 cm | 72 x 72 in



2022

Mixed Media on Wood Panel (4 panels) 183 x 183 cm | 72 x 72 in









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## **BIOGRAPHY**

#### SHEPARD FAIREY

B. 1970, Charleston, SC

Shepard Fairey was born in Charleston, South Carolina. In high school, he began pursuing his art practice and went on to receive his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration at the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, Rhode Island. In 1989 he created the "Andre the Giant has a Posse" sticker that transformed into the OBEY GIANT art campaign, with imagery that has changed how people see art and the urban landscape. After nearly 35 years, his work has evolved into an acclaimed body of art, including the 2008 "Hope" portrait of Barack Obama, found at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery. In 2017, he collaborated with photographers through the Amplifier organization to create the "We The People" series, which was recognizable during the Women's Marches and other public displays worldwide in defense of national and global social justice issues.

Fairey's stickers, guerilla street art presence, and public murals are recognizable globally. His works are in the permanent collections of the Boston Institute of Contemporary Art, Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), the Museum of Contemporary Art (MoCA) in Los Angeles, the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and many others. He sits on the board of Brave New Films, People for the American Way, and the Rhode Island School of Design.

Shepard Fairey has painted 120 large-scale murals across six continents worldwide.

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# EXHIBITION HISTORY

#### SOLO EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

| 2023 | THE FUTURE IS UNWRITTEN, Opera Gallery, Singapore, Asia                  |
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|      | PRINTED MATTERS: WHILE SUPPLIES LAST, Underdogs Gallery, Lisbon, Portuga |
|      | HEAVY METAL, Black Book Gallery, Englewood, Colorado                     |

- 2022 PRINTED MATTERS: PAIX ET JUSTICE, S16 Gallery, Montreal, Canada
  EYES OPEN, MINDS OPEN, Lotte Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea
  BACKWARD FORWARD, Dallas Contemporary, Dallas, Texas
  NEW CLEAR POWER, AMUSEUM of Contemporary Art, Munich, Germany
- **2021** *FUTURE MOSAIC*, Opera Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2020 THREE DECADES OF DISSENT, Musei In Comune Roma, Rome, Italy KNOWLEDGE + ACTION = POWER, Subliminal Projects, Virtual Exhibition
- 2019 FACING THE GIANT: THREE DECADES OF DISSENT, Galerie Itinerrance, Paris, France OBEY GIANT: 30 YEARS OF RESISTANCE, Grenoble Street Art Festival, Grenoble, France FACING THE GIANT: THREE DECADES OF DISSENT, Burrard Arts, Vancouver, Canada FACING THE GIANT: THREE DECADES OF DISSENT, StolenSpace, London, UK FACING THE GIANT: THREE DECADES OF DISSENT, AS220, Providence, USA FACING THE GIANT: THREE DECADES OF DISSENT & NEW WORKS, Over The Influence, Los Angeles, USA FACING THE GIANT: THREE DECADES OF DISSENT, GGA Gallery, Miami, USA FACING THE GIANT: THREE DECADES OF DISSENT, Samuel Owen Gallery, Greenwich, USA
- 2018 SALAD DAYS, Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills, USA
  GOLDEN FUTURE, Galerie Ernst Hilger, Vienna, Austria
  FORCE MAJEURE, Moscow Museum of Modern Art, Moscow, Russia
- 2017 DAMAGED, Library Street Collective, Los Angeles, USA
  PRINTED MATTERS, Treason Gallery, Seattle, Washington, USA
  PRINTED MATTERS, Underdogs Gallery, Lisbon, Portugal
  PRINTED MATTERS, aMBUSH Gallery, Sydney, Australia
  PEACE & JUSTICE, Seoul Arts Center, Seoul, South Korea
- **2016** *VISUAL DISOBEDIENCE*, HOCA Foundation, Hong Kong *EARTH CRISIS*, Galerie Itinerrance, Paris, France

2015 EARTH CRISIS GLOBE INSTALLATION, Eiffel Tower, Paris, France ON OUR HANDS, Jacob Lewis Gallery, New York, USA YOUR EYES HERE, CAC Málaga Museum, Málaga, Spain PRINTED MATTERS & PUBLIC MATTER SHOW: DETROIT, Library Street Collective, Detroit, USA SHEPARD FAIREY: NEW EDITIONS, Pace Prints, New York, USA 2014 POWER & GLORY – THE INSISTENT IMAGE: RECURRENT MOTIFS IN THE ART OF SHEPARD FAIREY AND JASPER JOHNS, The Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, the College of Charleston, Charleston, USA 50 SHADES OF BLACK: THE ALBUM COVER ART OF SHEPARD FAIREY, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, USA 2012 SOUND & VISION, StolenSpace Gallery, London, UK PRINTED MATTERS, The Public Trust, Dallas, USA AMERICANA, Perry Rubenstein Gallery, Los Angeles, USA HARMONY & DISCORD, Pace Prints Gallery, New York, USA YOUR AD HERE, V1 Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark 2011 REVOLUTIONS: THE ALBUM COVER ART OF SHEPARD FAIREY, Robert Berman Gallery, Santa Monica, USA 2010 PRINTED MATTERS, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, USA MAYDAY, Deitch Projects, New York, USA SUPPLY & DEMAND: 20 YEAR SURVEY, Contemporary Arts Center (CAC), Cincinnati, USA 2009 SUPPLY & DEMAND: 20 YEAR SURVEY, Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh, USA SUPPLY & DEMAND: 20 YEAR SURVEY, Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA), Boston, USA 2008 Scope Miami Beach, Jonathan LeVine Gallery, Miami, USA DUALITY OF HUMANITY, White Walls Gallery, San Francisco, USA 2007 IMPERFECT UNION, Merry Karnowsky Gallery, Los Angeles, USA NINTEENEIGHTYFOURIA, StolenSpace Gallery, London, UK E PLURIBUS VENOM, Jonathan LeVine Gallery, New York, USA 2006 RISE ABOVE, Merry Karnowsky Gallery, Los Angeles, USA SHEPARD FAIREY/OBEY, Galerie Magda Danysz, Paris, France OBEY, Maxalot Gallery, Barcelona, Spain SHEPARD FAIREY: NEW WORKS, White Walls Gallery, San Francisco, USA SHEPARD FAIREY, Wax Poetics Gallery, Burbank, USA 2005 MANUFACTURING DISSENT, Black Floor Gallery, Philadelphia, USA VISUAL DISOBEDIENCE, OX-OP Gallery, Minneapolis, USA VISUAL DISOBEDIENCE, Voice 1156 Gallery, San Diego, USA MANUFACTURING DISSENT, Merry Karnowsky Gallery, Los Angeles, USA SHEPARD FAIREY, Hard Rock Cafe Gallery, Orlando, USA SHEPARD FAIREY: PRINT EXHIBITION, DC Gallery, Denver, USA SHEPARD FAIREY/OBEY, EXIT Gallery, Hong Kong 2004 SUPPLY & DEMAND, Paragraph Gallery, Kansas City, USA SUPPLY & DEMAND, Martin Mcintosh Outré Gallery, Melbourne, Australia SUPPLY & DEMAND, Merry Karnowsky Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

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SUPPLY & DEMAND, Gallery Katz, Boston, USA

Shooting Gallery, San Francisco, USA

SHEPARD FAIREY, Kantor Gallery Window, New York, USA

SHEPARD FAIREY, V-1 Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark

The Ad Shop, Brussels, Belgium

Kerckhoff Gallery, UCLA, Los Angeles, USA

2003 Kantor Gallery Window, New York, USA

MILK, San Francisco, USA CPOP. Detroit. USA

THINK TANK, Denver, USA

RED FIVE, San Francisco, USA

THIS IS YOUR GOD, SixSpace, Los Angeles, USA

OBEY: THE ART OF SHEPARD FAIREY, Perehelion Arts, Phoenix, USA

La Base, Paris, France

2002 DEPT/FUMIYA GALLERY, Tokyo, Japan

Boston Museum, Boston, USA

1300 Gallery, Cleveland, USA

The Emporium Gallery, Encinitas, USA

2001 OBEY & SLAY, Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, College of Charleston, Charleston, USA

SHEPARD FAIREY, Tin Man Alley Gallery, New Hope, USA

2000 REPETITION WORKS, Alife Gallery, New York, USA

OBEY GIANT, Anno Domini Gallery, San José, USA

GIANT, CAPSULE, Birmingham, UK

1999 ANDRE THE GIANT HAS A POSSE, Chamber of Pop Culture, London, UK

POST NO BILLS, Lump Gallery, Raleigh, USA

THE MEDIUM IS THE MESSAGE, SixSpace Gallery, Chicago, USA

POWER OF PROPAGANDA, H. Lewis Gallery, Baltimore, USA

Dept Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Aro Space Gallery, Seattle, USA

Larboratoriette Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden

1998 GIANT INFILTRATES NEW YORK CITY, CBGB 313 Gallery, New York, USA

Dirt Gallert, Kansas City, USA

Salon Bob Gallery, New York, USA

#### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)**

2023 SUMMER SELECTIONS, Danziger Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

POSITIVE-PROPAGANDA: A DECADE OF VISUAL RESISTANCE, AMUSEUM of Contemporary Art, Munich, Germany OUTSIDE INFLUENCE, FifteenTwelve/Common Gallery, Louisville, KY BEYOND THE STREETS LONDON, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK VISUAL LANGUAGE: THE ART OF PROTEST, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, CA 2022 ARTISTS INSPIRED BY MUSIC: INTERSCOPE REIMAGINED, Los Angeles County Museum of Art Los Angeles, CA STREET LEGACY: SOCAL STYLE MASTERS, California Center for the Arts, Escondido, CA BOBBY GROSSMAN: LOW FIDELITY, Howl! Arts/Howl! Archive, New York, NY DIETWARHOL GROUP ART SHOW, La-La Land Gallery, Hollywood, CA 25TH ANNIVERSARY GROUP EXHIBITION, KP Projects, Los Angeles, CA CREATIVE RESILIENCE, Creative Resilience, Los Angeles, CA CULINARY AND ARTS FESTIVAL, The Current Gallery and Art Center at Baha Mar, Nassau, Bahamas ART TORONTO. Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Toronto. Ontario. Canada V1 XX: TWENTY YEARS OF V1 GALLERY, V1 Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark ART FAIR 14C, Jonathan Levine Projects Jersey City, Armory, Jersey City, NJ 2021 BEYOND THE STREETS: ON PAPER. Beyond The Streets. Southampton, NY ART BEYOND SURVIVAL, Art Beyond Survival, Los Angeles, CA UNITY, StolenSpace Gallery, London, UK 2020 SIDEWALK ACTIVISM, Sidewalk Activism Oceanside, CA PRINTED MATTERS, Printed Matters Melbourne, AUS THREE DECADES OF DISSENT, Galleria d'Arte Moderna Rome, Italy WELCOME TO THE TERRORDOME, Black Book Gallery Virtual Exhibition FREE RADICALS #2, Positive Propaganda, Munich, Germany BEYOND THE STREETS, Beyond The Streets Virtual Exhibition APOCALYPSE NOW, Affenfaust Galerie, Hamburg, Germany 2019 BEYOND THE STREETS, Beyond The Streets Brooklyn, New York, USA 2018 CRUMBLING EMPIRE: THE POWER OF DISSIDENT VOICES, The Wende Museum, Los Angeles, USA POST CONTEMPORARY URBAN GRAPHICS 7019, MoCA Shanghai, Shanghai, China VISUAL LANGUAGE, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, USA BEYOND THE STREETS, Los Angeles, USA INTO ACTION!, Los Angeles, USA PEACE, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, USA MASTERS OF STYLE, Eastern Projects Gallery, Los Angeles, USA TWENTY-ONE, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, USA BANNED IN BABYLON, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, USA 2017 AMERICAN CIVICS, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, USA 2016 VICTORY IS PEACE, Positive-Propaganda, Munich, Germany 2015 FREEDOM, Urban Nation, Berlin, Germany

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2013 ART BASEL, Pace Prints, Miami, USA SID: SUPERMAN IS DEAD, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, USA 10 YEARS OF WOOSTER COLLECTIVE, Jonathan LeVine Gallery, New York, USA CASH, CANS, CANDY, Hilger NEXT, Vienna, Austria AT HOME I AM A TOURIST, Colección Selim Varol, CAC Málaga, Málaga, Spain ART IN THE STREETS, MOCA, Los Angeles, USA 2010 STREET TO STUDIO 2.0, Irvine Contemporary, Washington DC, USA VIVA LA REVOLUCIÓN, MCASD, San Diego, USA INAUGURAL GROUP SHOW, Guerrero Gallery, San Francisco, USA 2009 NIKE STAGES LIVESTRONG EXHIBITION, OHWOW Gallery, Miami, USA ART BASEL, Blueprint for Space, Primary Flight, Miami, USA JUXTAPOZ 15TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION, Factory Place Arts Complex, Los Angeles, USA NIKE STAGES LIVESTRONG EXHIBITION, Galerie Emmanuel Perrotin, Paris, France ART BASEL, Deitch Projects, Switzerland STREET TO STUDIO, Irvine Contemporary, Washington, USA NEW IMAGE ART 15<sup>H</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY, Los Angeles, USA 2008 REGIME CHANGE STARTS AT HOME, Irvine Contemporary, Washington DC, USA IN THE LAND OF RETINAL DELIGHTS: THE JUXTAPOZ FACTOR, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, USA 2007 SPANK THE MONKEY, BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, UK SHEPARD FAIREY VS WK INTERACT: THE EAST WEST PROPAGANDA PROJECT, Galerie du Jour Agnès B, Paris, France SHEPARD FAIREY VS WK INTERACT: THE EAST WEST PROPAGANDA PROJECT, Tokyo Wonder Site Art Center, Tokyo, Japan 2006 BEAUTIFUL LOSERS, Galerie du Jour Agnès B, Paris, France JUXTAPOZ 2006 GROUP SHOW, OX-OP Gallery, Minneapolis, USA SPOTHUNTERS: THE FINE ART OF REAL ESTATE, New Art Center, Newtonville, USA 2005 SELECTED L.A. WEEKLY COVER ART AND ARTISTS, Track 16 Gallery, Los Angeles, USA ENJOY BY SHOW, Project Gallery, Los Angeles, USA URBAN ANGST, DC Gallery, Denver, USA INTERNATIONAL ART FAIR, V1 Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark DALEK AND SHEPARD FAIREY, Toyroom Gallery, Sacramento, USA Mendenhall Sobieski Gallery, Pasadena, USA DYEZU EXPERIMENT, Tokyo, Japan

DALEK AND SHEPARD FAIREY, Galerie Magda Danysz, Paris, France

EYE OF THE ILLUMINATI, Copro Nason Gallery, Santa Monica, USA

TAWKIN' NEW YAWK CITY WALLS, Hillwood Art Museum, Long Island University, Brookville, USA

Misanthropy Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

Galerie du Jour Agnès B, Paris, France

BEAUTIFUL LOSERS, Costa Mesa, USA

URBAN EDGE SHOW, P4 Space, Milan, Italy

GIANT VS. GIANT, Voice 1156 Gallery, San Diego, USA

ART ALLIANCE: THE PROVOCATEURS, Chicago, USA

I MUST NOT THINK BAD THOUGHTS, Art Basel, OBJEX Artspace, Miami, USA Carlos Irizarry Gallery, San Juan, Puerto Rico QEEROPHONIC, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, USA BEAUTIFUL LOSERS, Yerba Buena, San Francisco, USA DUCKY WADDLES EMPORIUM, Encinitas, USA STREETWISE 3, Lab 101 Gallery, Santa Monica, USA SHEPARD FAIREY AND MARCO ALMERA, Toyroom Gallery, Sacramento, USA BEATIFUL LOSERS, CAC, Cincinnati, USA Paul Rodgers 9W Gallery, New York, USA
 BACK JUMPS EXHIBITION, Berlin, Germany DESIGN IS KINKY CONFERENCE, Sydney, Australia QUIET RIOT, Long Beach, USA SESSION THE BOWL, Deitch Projects, New York, USA
 CONNECT 4, Modart, San Diego, USA STREETWISE ONE, Apart Gallery, London, UK

MOST OF MY HEROES DON'T APPEAR ON STAMPS, The Blue Cube Arts Gallery, Columbus, USA Day by Day Gallery, Richmond, USA

PLAYER HATERS, Merry Karnowsky Gallery, Hollywood, USA

TRAVIS M. MILLARD AND SHEPARD FAIREY, Max Fish, New York, USA

AUTHENTIK, Levi's Vortex Gallery, San Francisco, USA

Seven Degrees Gallery, Laguna Beach, USA

2001 Moca DC, Washington DC, USA

Bush Gallery, Providence, USA C-Pop Gallery, Detroit, USA

2000 XHIBITION, Chicago, USA

AIDAN HUGHS AND SHEPARD FAIREY: OBEY THE BRUTE, Forbidden Gallery, Dallas, USA

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Dept Gallery, Osaka, Japan

OBEY PROPAGANDA, Merry Karnowsky Gallery, Hollywood, USA

1999 TOKION NEO GRAFFITI PROJECT, Houston Gallery, 381 G Gallery, San Francisco, USA

1995 CITY FOLK, Holly Solomon Gallery, New York, USA

1993 MINIMAL TRIX, Alleged Gallery, New York, USA

The Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, USA

The Cooper Hewitt Design Museum, New York, USA

#### **COLLECTIONS**

THE NEW MUSEUM OF DESIGN, New York, NY
SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, San Diego, CA
MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, San Diego, CA
VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM, London, United Kingdom
HOLLY SOLOMON GALLERY, New York, NY
LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART, Los Angeles, CA
SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY, Washington DC
INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART BOSTON, Boston, MA
HARVARD PRINT MUSEUM, Cambridge, MA
SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, San Francisco, CA
MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS BOSTON, Boston, MA
LOS ANGELES MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, Los Angeles, CA

#### **AWARDS**

Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts, Rhode Island School of Design, 2021
Cesar Chavez Legacy Awards Honoree, 2019
Art Wynwood Tony Goldman Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award, 2017
Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), Voices of Courage Media Award, 2017
Rush Arts Honoree, 2017
P.S. ARTS heART Award, 2017
Honorary Doctorate, Pratt Institute, 2015
Tony Goldman Visionary Artist Award, 2014
Orchids & Onions Awards, 2010
Artist Residency for The Contemporary Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2005
Member and Contributor to the LACMA Graphic Arts Council 2003

#### **MURAL PROJECTS (SELECTION)**

**2023** EVOLVING PATTERNS, Singapore, Asia MUHAMMAD ALI MURAL, Guerilla One, Louisville, KY THE PIERSIDE MURAL, Pierside Hotel, Santa Monica, CA 2022 A MOSAIC OF PEACE AND JUSTICE, A Mosaic Of Peace And Justice, Culver City, CA DJERBAHOOD PROJECT, Djerbahood, Djerba, Tunisia PAIX ET JUSTICE, Mural Festival, Montreal, Canada RISE ABOVE ROSE SHACKLE, Lotte Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea EYES OPEN, Lotte Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea CULTIVATE JUSTICE (FRONT) AND GLOBAL HARMONY (BACK), Lotte Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea PEACE DOVE, Lotte Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea PEACE IN BLOOM, Lotte Museum of Art, Seoul, Korea OBEY GIANT, Peaches D8NE, Seoul, Korea THESE SUNSETS ARE TO DIE FOR, Positive-Propaganda, Munich, Germany WHILE SUPPLIES LAST, East Quarter, Dallas, Texas THE FUTURE STARTS NOW, Wynwood Walls, Miami, Florida BAD BRAINS TRIBUTE, LISA Project, New York, NY 2021 CARGA FRÁGIL, NaLata Festival, São Paulo, Brazil ROCK HILL MURAL, The Mercantile, Rock Hill, SC EMBRACE JUSTICE, Queens University, Charlotte, NC INVENT YOUR FUTURE, The RAW Project, Miami, FL PEACE THROUGH MUSIC, Los Angeles Daily News, Los Angeles, CA CULTIVATE HARMONY, Deep Ellum News, Dallas, TX RISE ABOVE PEACE DOVE / RISE ABOVE PEACE FINGERS, Dubai Design District, Dubai, UAE DRINK CRUDE OIL, Interior Design, Los Angeles, CA POSTER INSTALLATION, The Echo, Los Angeles, CA PROTECT THE BLUE PLANET, Seawalls Boston, Boston, MA 2020 THE BEAUTY OF LIBERTY AND EQUALITY, Writing on the Walls, Austin, USA AMERICAN RAGE, Ultra Violet Arts / 9th and Thomas, Seattle, USA OUR HANDS - OUR FUTURE, Little Pine Los Angeles, USA VOTING RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS, Wallpapered City, Milwaukee, USA 2019 GOLDEN FUTURE?, Pow Wow Worldwide, Honolulu, Hawaii MAYA ANGELOU RISE ABOVE, Dr. Maya Angelou Community High School, Los Angeles, USA ROSE GIRL, Grenoble Street Art Festival, Grenoble, France KNOWLEDGE + ACTION. Galerie Itinerrance. Paris. France EARTH JUSTICE. Vancouver. Canada POWER AND EQUALITY WATER TOWER, Great Bowery, New York, USA WE SHAPE THE FUTURE ROSE SHACKLE, Paint (RED) Saves Lives, London, UK RAISE THE LEVEL, Beats Residency Shoreditch, London, UK SHADOWPLAY, Truman Brewery, London, UK CREATIVITY, EQUITY, JUSTICE, AS220 Providence, Rhode Island, USA DEFEND DIGNITY, Branded Arts South Park, Los Angeles, USA

EARTH ON EYE ALERT, RAW school project Miami, USA

FUTURE VISION, Design and Architecture Senior High School, Miami, USA SOHO HOUSE MURAL (OBEY ICON), Soho Warehouse, Los Angeles, USA QUEEN, ON THE RECORD, On The Record at MGM, Las Vegas, USA

2018 AMERICAN DREAMERS, Mack Sennett Studios Silverlake, Los Angeles, USA

IDEAL POWER DOVES VIENNA, Galerie Ernst Hilger, Vienna, Austria

IDEAL POWER ASPEN, 212 Gallery/Hexton Gallery, Aspen, USA

JOHNNY CASH AT FOLSOM PRISON, Wide Open Walls, Sacramento, USA

Chico Peace and Justice Center, Chico, USA

POWER AND EQUALITY, Crush Walls Festival, Denver, USA

THE FUTURE IS UNWRITTEN: KNOWLEDGE AND POWER, Crush Walls Festival, Denver, USA

ART IS A HAMMER, Artrium Moscow, Moscow, Russia

TUNNEL VISION, Artmossphere, Moscow, Russia

FIRE SALE, The State Hotel, Seattle, USA

2017 BLOOD LOTUS: OIL, Miami, USA

PERRY COHEN, Jupiter Community High School, Jupiter, USA

WELCOME HOME, Baker Block, Costa Mesa, USA

BLONDIE, The L.I.S.A. Project NYC, New York, USA

RISE ABOVE SOLDIER, Underdogs Gallery, Lisbon, Portugal

UNIVERSAL PERSONHOOD / SHEPARD FAIREY X VHILS.

Underdogs Gallery, Lisbon, Portugal

PEACE GUARD, Underdogs Gallery, Lisbon, Portugal

PEACE WARATAH, Vivid Sydney, Sydney, Australia

NO FUTURE, Urban Nation Berlin, Germany

EYES OPEN, MIND OPEN, Los Angeles, USA

PEACE & JUSTICE SEOUL, Seoul Arts Center, Seoul, South Korea

CULTIVATE HARMONY, Plaza Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, USA

2016 FRUITS OF OUR LABOR, Mana Contemporary, Miami, USA

PROTECT PEACE ELEPHANT, Project C:Change, Hong Kong

PEACE FINGERS, Swire, Hong Kong

CHINESE SOLDIERS, Bibo, Hong Kong

VISUAL DISOBEDIENCE, La Cabane, Hong Kong

VIVI LA REVOLUTION, New York, USA

CORPORATE WELFARE, Life Is Beautiful Music & Art Festival, Las Vegas, USA

EARTH CRISIS, Galerie Itinerrance, Paris, France

LIBERTÉ. ÉGALITÉ. FRATERNITÉ. Paris. France

DELICATE BALANCE, Paris, France

ROBERT F. KENNEDY (RFK), Los Angeles, USA

DARBY CRASH, Los Angeles, USA

**2015** *PAINT IT BLACK*, Positive – Propaganda, Munich, Germany

MURAL FREEDOM, Urban Nation, Berlin, Germany

RHYTHM AND DIVERSITY, Philadelphia, USA

THE JERSEY CITY WAVE, Jersey City, USA

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