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Artist Biography

The Narrative

Columbus native, Adam Kiger, comes from a long line of acrylic and oil artists. Adam began painting at the age of six years old under the instruction of his family. After attending The Art Institute of Pittsburgh in the early '90s, Adam moved to Atlanta, Georgia to begin setting the foundation for a career as an Internet architect. Over the next seventeen years, Adam's graphic design and marketing background would play an essential part in producing award-winning projects and client solutions for over 80 Fortune 100/500 companies in the United States.

Once Adam's career was solidified and his daughters were older, in early 2013, Adam became reacquainted with his natural artistic talents. Adam coupled his almost two decades of professional experience with his artistic passion and within six months, he reached his goal of having his work in New York City. Adam signed with Agora Gallery in Chelsea, NYC. in the fall of 2013 and his first exhibit was set for July 5-25, 2014. Shortly after, Adam was offered a sponsorship from Genie Canvas, also based in New York.

But Adam hasn't stopped there! In the past few years, Adam's work has shown in multiple locations in Columbus and he is dramatically increasing his efforts to establish and solidify long-term exposure of his work locally. Adam's paintings were also shown in Los Angeles, California in June, 2014, the Hamptons, New York in August 2014, Palermo, Italy in 2015, and Tokyo, Japan in 2015. Adam has also set his sights on having some of his works displayed in London, Paris and Rome by 2018.

September of 2014 was an incredible month for Adam's career. Adam was formally invited and expected to exhibit his work in the 2nd Biennale of Palermo in Florence, Italy in February, 2015 putting him closer to his goal of his works being in Rome. Adam also signed with Gray's Art Gallery in London, England. With an immediate offering of his watercolor inventory to the gallery, Adam's new line of works are set to exhibit in London's famous art district beginning in February, 2015. And to sweeten the pot, Adam was offered an exclusive, one year, representation package with PVG Artisans in Chillicothe, Ohio. Park View Gallery enthusiastically acquired most of Adam's acrylic and watercolor inventory to share with their extensive audience that spans throughout the State of Ohio as well as throughout most of the United States.

In 2015, Adam was immediately offered New York representation by several Chelsea and SOHO based galleries given his contract with Agora Gallery was set to expire the same year. Adam quickly jumped at the chance to become part of the RaiseART Gallery family beginning in May of 2015. Adam stated, "After

dealing with the business aspects of the art world for so long, I've come to realize that what truly matters to me is not solely secured sales, even though that's nice, but to remain in line with "Who I Am," I must align myself with individuals who believe that family, integrity and altruism matters. Ultimately a gallery becomes part of my family and in that, I have to ensure their hearts are pure. This is why signing with RaiseART was 'no brainer' for me." RaiseART falls deeply in line with the values I strive to teach my children every day and all of what I put into my daily relationships.

Adam's work has been classified as containing a mixture of neo-dada, pop art and surrealistic elements. He predominately works in black and white and his subject matter is purposely selected to invoke an emotional reaction in the viewer. Adam added, "My work tends to focus on the heart, the evolution of the soul and every facet of life's abhorrent pains, but I always try to depict a positive message too - the persistence and the right of the individual in recapturing what once belonged to them. And in doing so, I'm uncovering a personal truth while shedding light on an individual's distributed denial."

About Adam Kiger

Adam Kiger is an acrylic and watercolor artist living in Columbus, Ohio. Adam is represented by RaiseART Gallery (<u>http://www.raiseart.com</u>) in Chelsea, New York, PVG Artisans (<u>http://parkviewgallery.wordpress.com</u>) in Chillicothe, Ohio and by Gray's Art Gallery (<u>http://www.graysartgallery.com</u>) in London, England. From the summer of 2013 through the fall of 2014, Adam was sponsored by Genie Canvas (<u>http://geniecanvas.com</u>) located in Red Hook, New York.