# **BRANDON J. DONAHUE**

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#### EDUCATION

2010-2013 MFA, University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN, 2005-2009 BFA, Tennessee State University Nashville, TN 2008-2009 Lorenzo De Medici School of the Arts in Florence, Italy. 2003-2004 Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, Art Foundation

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2016 "BIGCITYsmalltown" Athica Institute for Contemporary Art, Athens, Ga 2014 "PolyCopies" Avon Williams Campus Tennessee State University Library 2011 "Gallery 11:11", Gallery 1010 Knoxville, TN

# SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2016 SWSW Graffiti Battle, Bat Bar, Austin, Tx 2015 "Art as Alternative" Rosewall Nashville, Tn "Burn Down the House" Nashville, Tn "Carpartart" Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY "Uprising" Martha O'bryan Center, Nashville Tn "Paint Memphis" North Chelsea and Evergreen Floodwall Memphis Tn "Mashup: Artists Do Cardboard", David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, Tn and Nashville tn 2015 "DemoGraphics", RiverValley Apartment Complex Nashville, tn "Faculty Show" Hiram Van Gordon Gallery, Nashville, tn "Emerging Black Artists Show" Woodcuts Gallery, Nashville, Tn "Mash-up: Artists Do Cardboard", David Lusk Gallery, nashville, Tn "Modular Art Pods" curated by Tony Youngblood, Abrasive Media in Wedgewood/ Houston, Nashville, Tn 2014 "Selvage" Hiram Van Gordon Gallery, Nashville Tn "Heartlandish" Meinblau Gallery Space Berlin, Germany 2013 "Bad Moon", Double 6 Studio, Brooklyn, NY "Orange" White Box Gallery, New York, NY

"Northern Exposure" Downtown Gallery, Knoxville, Tn

- 2011 "Sauce", Bearden Beer Market, Knoxville, TN
- 2010 "Motley Crue", Graduate Group painting show, Fluorescent Gallery Knoxville, TN 2010 "Fresh Pickins", 1st year Graduate show, Univ. of Tennessee Downtown Gallery, Knoxville, TN "Ripple Effect", Gallery F., Nashville, TN "Native", Gallery F., Nashville, TN
- 2009 "My Magic Cape" Tinney Contemporary, Nashville, Tn
  "West Tennessee Regional Artist Exhibition", WTRAC, Humboldt ,TN
  "Wish List", Scarritt Bennett Center, Nashville, TN
- 2008 "Future Now", Statewide Artist Exhibition, Frist Center, Nashville, Tn

# **CURATION & COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

2015 Norf Wall Fest, Nashville, Tn
 "2 Love a City" Community Mural, Clarksville Highway & 26th, Nashville Tn
 Mural @ j1 Automotives 112 Glenrose Ave. Nashville, Tn
 Mural and Graffiti Jam at G's Automotives 332 Lellyett st. Nashville, tn

2013 "BAD MOON" Double 6 Studio, Brooklyn,

#### AWARDS

- 2014 Nathan And Jean Harsh grant to Berlin, Germany
- 2013 Nathan and jean Harsh grant to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
- 2012 Dorothy Dille Materials Grant
- 2008 Tennessee State University Study Abroad Grant to Florence, Italy
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# PRESS

-http://www.newschannel5.com/news/local-news/artists-work-on-nashville-communitythemed-mural-called-to-love-a-city?autoplay=true#Artists%20Work%20On%20Nashville %20Community%20Themed%20Mural%20Called%20'To%20Love%20A%20City'

#### -http://nashville.stayonthego.com/black-art-roundtable/

 http://www.free-times.com/arts/bringing-art-to-the-streets-092315? utm\_campaign=shareaholic&utm\_medium=facebook&utm\_source=socialnetwork -http://www.nashvillescene.com/countrylife/archives/2015/07/10/nashville-artistbrandon-donahue-responds-to-southern-motel

- News2WKRN Nashville, Nashville's eyesore opens for artists' before Monday's demolition. http://wkrn.com/2015/04/28/nashville-eyesore-opens-for-artists-before-mondays-demolition/

- The Tennessean, Pop up art gallery will soon be demolished. http:// www.tennessean.com/picture-gallery/news/2015/05/01/pop-up-art-gallery-willsoon-be-demolished/26716761/

- News Channel 5, Artists create gallery in dilapidated building apartment building, <u>https://youtu.be/LEwfUKb0Z1c</u>

-Hutson Hunter, Laura "Country Life Blog Visual Art of the Day <u>http://</u> <u>www.nashvillescene.com/countrylife/archives/2014/12/15/photo-of-the-day-all-</u> <u>lives-matter-mural-in-wedgewood-houston</u>

-Hutson Hunter, Laura "Country Life Blog: Studio Visit with Brandon Donahue" 2014 <u>http://www.nashvillescene.com/countrylife/archives/2014/04/14/studio-visit-brandon-j-donahue</u>

-Maddox, David C. "Intimate work from Nashville counter-culture hero Don Evans highlights mixed bag group show at Tinney Contemporary, Nashville Scene, July 30, 2009

-Maddox, David. C. "The Young and the Restless": A broad look at Middle -Tennessee's next generation of young artists." Nashville Scene, November 22, 2007--

Beard, Chuck. "More than Words" Examiner.com July 17, 2009 -http://flagpole.com/arts-culture/art-notes/2016/03/16/smalltownbigcity-exploressouthern-vernacular

-http://www.thenashvillebanner.com/columns/2016/03/15/large-scale-muralslivening-urban-neighborhoods.1919978#.VuhQsVgwaMd.facebook

# RESIDENCIES

Scarritt Bennett Center/ Gallery F Artist in Residence Nashville, Tn 2008-2010 East Nashville Hope Exchange Artist in Residence July 2015

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014 to present Assistant Art Professor, Tennessee State University

Courses Taught: Art Appreciation Design 1 Painting 1 Drawing 1 Advanced Drawing and Pictorial Design Advanced Painting

2010- 2013 Graduate Teachers Assistant, University of Tennessee

Courses Taught: Foundations Art under Emily Bivens Drawing 1 under Nick Deford Painting 1 under Karla Wozniak Painting 1 under Jered Sprecher Performance and Digital Media under Emily Bivens

- 2011 Assistant for Local High School Drawing Workshop at the University of tennessee under John Bissonette
- 2008 Graphic Design Internship, The Frist Center for Visual Arts
- 2003- present Freelance airbrush artist specializing in painting murals, tshirts, automotives, etc.

### **COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS**

-Tennessee State University's Foundations Coordinating Committee. Goal: restructuring the Art department's core curriculum.

#### PUBLIC and PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN 2011 Toyota of Franklin, Tn Franklin, Tn 2014 Jamie Foxx (entertainer) Jered Cook (titans football player) Nathan and Jean Harsh Collection Peyton Manning (pro nfl player) Nate Washington (titans football player) Pam and Paul Illot Collection Michael Mucker Collection Jul and Ingo Collection D1 sports of Franklin, tn