



COBY KENNEDY, Bio

Coby Kennedy (b. 1977; lives and works in New York) uses the communication tools of the advertising and entertainment industry to create paintings, videos and sculptures that hint at unspoken truths, the modern culture of veiled intent, and the questions of subjective realities. A graduate of Columbia University's Fine Art MFA and Pratt Institute's Industrial Design BA programs, the artist and industrial conceptual designer has completed residencies at the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture (2011), Red Bull Arts Detroit (2016), and Anderson Ranch Arts Center (2018). Kennedy is the recipient of the Civil Society Institute Fellowship and One World Award, and has exhibited work domestically and internationally, in Japan, South Africa and Italy.

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EDUCATION

2016 MFA, Columbia University, New York, NY

1999 BA, Industrial Design, Pratt Institute, New York, NY

SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Cultured: Works by Coby Kennedy and Brendan Lee Satish Tang*, C24 Gallery, New York, NY

2021 *Kalief Browder: The Box*, Pioneer Works Garden, Brooklyn, NY

Jimmy Crow and the Imaginary Thug, Superchief Gallery, New York, NY

2017 *Skin of the Thug*, Gallery MOMO, Cape Town, South Africa

2015 *American Virtue*, Superchief Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2014 *Early Works*, Exit Room Gallery, New York, NY

2013 *In The service Of A Villain: Prelude*, Joseph Gross Gallery, New York, NY

2008 *Coby Kennedy*, Ogilvy & Mather, New York, NY

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022 *Our Wake Up Call For Freedoms*, Utah Museum of Contemporary Art, Salt Lake City, Utah
Monumental Tour (Arthur Jafa, Coby Kennedy, Christopher Myers, and Hank Willis Thomas), Los Angeles, CA

2021 *Monumental Tour* (Arthur Jafa, Coby Kennedy, Christopher Myers, and Hank Willis Thomas), Philadelphia, PA

Street Life, C24 Gallery, New York, NY

Tethered//Unlockable, Superchief Gallery, New York, NY

2019 *Harlem Perspectives II*, FACTION Art Projects, New York, NY

Empire of Mythology, Ruth S. Harley University Centre Gallery, New York, NY

2018 *There Will Never Be a Gallery Big Enough*, Superchief Gallery, New York, NY

I met God and She is... WOMAN in the ART(s), Ideal Glass Gallery, New York, NY

2017 *A Continent Beyond*, Gallery MOMO, Cape Town, South Africa

52A 7th Avenue, Gallery MOMO, Johannesburg, South Africa

Selling the Shadow, Gallery MOMO, Cape Town, South Africa

2016 *For Freedoms*, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY

Kennedy & Udondian, Robert Blumenthal Gallery, New York, NY

Vestiges, Red Bull House of Art, Detroit, MI

2015 *Flux*, Art in Flux Harlem, New York, NY

2014 *Crossroads Mural*, Metropolitan Branch Trail, Washington, D.C.

2013 *Message In A Bottle*, QF Gallery - Scope Special Projects, Miami, FL

Every Which Way But Loose, artMRKT Hamptons, QF Gallery, Easthampton, NY

Black Power, Superchief Gallery, New York, NY

- 2012 *Survey of Urban Contemporary Art*, Joseph Gross Gallery, New York, NY
2011 *The Black Portrait*, Rush Arts, New York, NY
Black Market, TT Underground, New York, NY
2010 *Quantum Spectrum*, MCLA G51 Gallery, North Adams, MA
In the Service of a Villain, ReBar Gallery
Afropunk Festival, Afropunk live painting, New York, NY
Words, Beats & Life Inc., Washington, D.C.
2009 *BK-MIA*, ArtBasel Miami, Ad Hoc Gallery, Miami, FL
Afropunk Festival, Afropunk live painting, New York, NY
Words, Beats & Life Inc., Washington, D.C.
2008 *Calligraffiti*, ProArts Gallery, Oakland, CA
2009 *303rd Collective*, Dumbo Loft Gallery, New York, NY
Shiva, Love Your Server, IBM Online
Cool Breeze, IBM Online
2003 *Off the Record*, Skylight Gallery, New York, NY

RESIDENCIES

- 2018 Anderson Ranch Residency, Snowmass Village, CO
2016 Gallery MOMO, Johannesburg, South Africa
Red Bull Arts, Detroit, MI
2012 Vermont Studio Center Residency Fellowship, Johnson, VT
2011 Skowhegan Artist Residency, Skowhegan, ME

AWARDS

- 2012 Civil Society Institute Fellowship, Vermont Studio Center
2010 Gold Camera Award, US International Film & Video Festival
2009 One World Award, International Quorum of Motion Picture Producers, Zurich Switzerland

PRESS LINKS

The Box, The Monumental Tour
<https://monumentaltour.org/coby-kennedy>
<https://monumentaltour.org/current-location>
<https://schonmagazine.com/kindred-arts-marsha-reid/>

The Box, Pioneerworks images
<https://pioneerworks.org/exhibitions/coby-kennedy-kalief-browder-the-box>

The Box, The Guardian
<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2021/jul/21/kalief-browder-rikers-island-artist-coby-kennedy>

The Thuggernaught

<https://allarts.org/2021/02/coby-kennedy-superchief-gallery/>

<https://beautifulbizarre.net/2021/03/12/coby-kennedy-superchief-interview/>

<https://www.juxtapoz.com/news/installation/jimmy-crow-and-the-imaginary-thug-coby-kennedy-superchief-gallery-nyc/>

VIDEO LINKS

Flowstate, PBS, Thuggernaught

<https://www.pbs.org/video/coby-kennedy-hcmzya/>

Bric Arts, Thuggernaught (scroll down, vid#8)

<https://www.bricartsmedia.org/tv-shows-videos/brooklyn-made>

Pioneerworks, The Box

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZOkJH57bikU>

PBS News Hour, The Box

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/exhibition-sheds-light-on-kalief-browders-years-in-solitary-confinement>

NFT link on Open Sea

<https://opensea.io/assets/0x495f947276749ce646f68ac8c248420045cb7b5e/109357140932249174184232105731133177415490681567806678064024980359786335830046>