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ufo907

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UFO907's studio showing only a few of the custom canvases by UFO907

## CLASSIC EPISODES

Avenue des Arts is proud to present UFO907's first US solo exhibition, "Classic Episodes". New York's Graffiti scrawling Legend brings it to Los Angeles and true to form coming with another prolific body of 39 unique new works. Twenty-one of which are custom built shaped canvases breaking free from the confines of the traditional canvas. With these dynamic new works UFO steps boldly onto the wall to meet the viewer eye to eye.

Drawing from the wealth of personal experiences as well as pop culture and media references of his day, UFO907 brings us otherworldly interpretations of "Classic Episodes" found in everyday life. Classics such as the Jordan clad skateboarding teenager, the Graffiti vandal escaping by bike, leaving a trail of tags in his midst, hypebeasts adorning ball caps like crowns, gangsters and vandals toting graffiti implements and hiding their identities behind bandanas and sunglasses. UFO's eclectic subject matter runs the gamut with paintings recalling childhood innocence, the origins of man, and even the age old battle between ketchup and mustard.

Through his transformation from a Graffiti artist on the street to a fine artist in the studio, UFO907 has built up his own unique aesthetic that is signature to his artwork. Wielding the spray can akin to the brush in the hands of an impressionist painter, UFO celebrates the unpredictability of the medium. Well placed drips, wild splatters, and layers add textures that capture an energy that exudes from every piece. And of course, most notable to UFO's style is his highly expressive line work that seems to meander unpredictably throughout the piece yet always finds its mark.

## ABOUT THE ARTIST:

UFO907 came to Earth in the mid 90's, Walking out on Art School disillusioned by the standard path of the struggling artist he saw before him. Abandoning the art world, UFO found himself allured into the subcultures of graffiti and vandalism. The paintbrush was traded for the spray can and the endless walls, forgotten back lots, rooftops, and delivery trucks of New York City become both his studio and his gallery. The unpredictability of material and painting surface, the risk of getting arrested or chased, the never-ending adventure of paintings and in strange places under the cover of darkness all contributed to the style and development of UFO's work.

Fact is UFO907 has never quite fit perfectly within the classic constraints of Graffiti. From day One it's been clear that UFO's graffiti stems from a fine arts background, with unconventional painting technics and highly expressive line work. As one of the pioneers of character-based graffiti UFO907 has helped (for better or worse) push the subculture of graffiti into the mainstream, with his highly recognizable and playful imagery. As well helping to usher in the new art movement known as "Street Art" where young artists of today have caught onto the power and freedom of beginning an art career on the streets as a bridge and shortcut into the gallery world.

Finally after 20 years, hundreds of paintings, millions of drawings, come and gone, UFO907 has changed gears, making the transition back into the studio. While staying true to his graffiti roots with the UFO icon and his use of spray paint and markers.

As of late, UFO has been turning out prolific bodies of work, both painting n sculpture, that exhibit a passion and deep understanding of materials and the boundless methods of application, while overflowing with an energy that can only be found on the streets.

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