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Keith Duncan One Man Show



Keith Duncan is creating strikingly beautiful yet biting paintings that contrast the stereotypes of New Orleans tourism with images of the real life of the city.

In line with the mission of the Creative Alliance of New Orleans' program Creative Spaces, CANO presents 16 works by Duncan, highlighting an under recognized artist, and bringing the work of a creative New Orleanian to an underserved neighborhood, in this case Central City, at the Myrtle Banks Building on the 3rd floor.

The exhibition will be open to the public beginning April 28th, 9:00 am – 5pm. A reception for the artist who will talk about his work is scheduled for May 12, 5 – 8 pm.

Duncan's work is at once beautifully rendered, emotive yet delivers powerful social commentary. This exhibition highlights three creative strategies the artist utilizes to reveal the life of the city at its heart and soul: work that juxtaposes stereotypical images of place and culture such as the superdome, Jackson Square and the horn and visage of Louis Armstrong, with, for example, a homeless person, a destitute mother and child or a crime scene.

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A second strategy, utilizing a technique of densely peopled scenes in mural dimensions, not unlike of the 16th century work of Pieter Brueghel, framed as if on a theatrical stage, conveys the rich cultural life of African Americans, portraying characters and customs in neighborhood or home based settings. The third offers individual portraits of characters both revered and real as well as the caricatures that evolved through the interpretation of these individuals by other cultures. “The Creative Alliance of New Orleans is proud to be able to present his work in our Central City space where we hope neighbors as well as residents from around the region and visitors to our city can experience his creative output,” says Jeanne Nathan, Executive Director.

We have reception and artist talk on Friday, May 12th, at 5:30, and that the show is open daily during business hours.

The Creative Alliance of New Orleans’ mission is to provide training, education and information for creative artists, cultural producers and the community, to protect our cultural legacy and to promote the revitalization of the city as a cultural and economic center. Our programs include Creative Spaces, Creative Futures, educating youth about creative educational and career opportunities, Art Home New Orleans Tours, and advocacy efforts to increase funding and investment in the creative industries.