

BRANDON HURLEY

Depicting distinct details of city life, Hollywood based artist Brandon Hurley implements elements of photorealism to create fantastical yet familiar paintings. Growing up in the San Francisco Bay Area, Hurley has maintained a strong influence from the California urban landscape in his artworks. His artworks are surreal in the sense that they take a theme or commonplace story and push them beyond what is expected.



Hurley is known for painting bundled shoes and other objects in near-photographic detail. His works show how being consumed by celebrity fashion has changed the tenor and texture of everyday life. The appeal of Hurley's work includes different takes on sneaker aesthetics, rendered in new compositions and beautifully detailed by hand. His technical skill makes you ponder the artist's attention-focusing and impressive take on popular culture and ask us to reconsider the visual architecture.



“In this series, I am building compositions of sneakers to illustrate my version of everyday inner city living, based on my personal experiences across the urban sprawls of America. We can all recall specific memorable moments we had while wearing our sneakers. They could have been in the streets, in a field, on a concrete court. Whether our companions were just sitting in our closets—waiting for the next opportunity to be worn out—or dangling on a nearby neighborhood telephone wire, through all the times of good and bad our sneakers were always there.”

Hurley's artworks contain an incredible amount of detail and depth which capture both the visual sensation and the feeling of the reference imagery. With loose shoelaces and randomly organized stacks, the observer can visualize the piles being formed. The shoes are alienated from any context, set against a neutral ground. This absorbs the shadows and contrasts with the objects' three-dimensionality, allowing an ambiguity in the viewer's relation to the object.

Hurley attended the Academy of Art University. After showing his work across the USA, he was nominated for San Francisco's RAW Artist of The Year.

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