

JON RAMIREZ

Creating still life artworks that feel tangible is one of the main goals Colorado-based artist Jon Ramirez has as he composes his photorealistic paintings. Ramirez draws inspiration from street art and urban culture, exploring the study of light and textures. His incredibly detailed compositions are created using acrylic and spray paint on wood. Rather than just painting an object, he captures action and movement in both a compressive and explosive manner.



To start his process, the artist uses real cans as models which he photographs against black backgrounds. His photographs are then adjusted to amplify the contours of the cans through lighting and contrast alone. As he begins to paint the artworks the object is painted alone as the surrounding space is left bare so that it may float before a shadow is even applied. As a final touch, Ramirez adds a drop shadow with spray paint adding an outward motion to the can as if it is going beyond the natural grain wood panel.

His artworks incorporate both graffiti and realism to pay homage to the street and studio. What he sees in his own work is a colorful splash that draws the eyes into a subject that he hopes arouses a memorable moment or just a favorite drink. His artworks have been exhibited throughout the United States and have been gaining the attention of a rapidly growing collector base.

“I’m inspired by the writings on the walls and dumpsters hidden within the alleys of the city, trains tagged with the names of artists’ who risk law enforcement just to get their name to travel cross country, and of course modern-day masters of such as Daniel Sprick, Scott Waddell, JOLT, MyDogSighs, Chris Guest, and dozens of others. My purpose in creating art is my purpose in life, to leave my mark on this planet after I become ashes, letting whoever has a care to know that I created something that everyone can enjoy.”



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