

SEAN KEITH

Sean Keith uses a cartoonish style to comment on real-world obsessions with money, fame, and capitalism. Keith is an American born artist (b. 1982). Raised in Las Vegas and Los Angeles, art runs wild in his family. For as long as he can remember the passion for art has always been a living, breathing aspect of his life.



Sean Keith solidified his artistic energies while living and working in Switzerland the past few years. Heavily influenced by UK street artist Banksy, his artwork is characterized by a cheeky brand of appropriation characterized by the use of images from popular culture. He subtly alters the picture and its context, cleverly shifting the tone to create new meaning. A common theme throughout his work is money and the insatiable desire to possess it. The familiar, nostalgic cartoon characters he employs give a playful feeling to his art. These instantly recognizable figures create a quick connection with the viewer.

Keith reminds us that these popular cultural icons wouldn't exist without our preoccupation with those who have financial power over us. As their painted images are overlaid on top of original vintage newspapers and comic, it doesn't take much to grasp that the characters of fiction have also come part of us in real life.



Before painting his figures, Keith covers the entire canvas with vintage newspaper or cartoons. The printed text and images on the page serve as a contrast to the artist's lushly hand-painted figures, implying the difference between reality and fantasy. The words and context also emphasize the themes he explores in his work--money, wealth, power, and their ultimate effect on society. A layer of glossy resin is added to cover each artwork, creating a smooth, polished finish to the layered artwork underneath.

His unique works have been exhibited throughout Europe and the US and have been collected worldwide.

Recent Exhibitions

- 2018 Samhart Gallery, Neuchatel, Switzerland
- 2016 Affordable Art Fair New York, NY
- 2016 Artspace Warehouse, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016 Art Hamptons, NY

