

DANKO

Born in Milwaukee, Jimmy Danko (DANKO) is a contemporary artist whose practice explores themes of play through the intersection of realism and abstraction. Images of American cultural references, autobiographical narratives, commercial design and art history combine in bold colorful compositions of wood, metal and paint. DANKO received a BFA from the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh, where he focused on painting, design, and photography. His practice quickly evolved into a focus on complex sculptural and multidimensional paintings that center on bending reality and distorting time through manipulations of scale, color, and context. DANKO’s work conveys an optimistic narrative that includes ordinary objects, often connected to his childhood, and references the vast expanses of visual information that pervade our collective unconscious.

His latest body of work *Monuments of Play* ponders the power struggle of inspiration, between play and “keeping score”, and further beckons us back to a place of wonder and joy that many of us may have lost sight of. DANKO has enjoyed artist collaborations with Lexus, Converse, and the TV series *Battle Bots* to name a few. His work has featured in prestigious gallery shows throughout the US and in private collections all over the world as well as in publications such as *The Laboratory Arts Collective* and *Forbes*. He is actively building a new studio in the Pacific Northwest and splits his time between the Seattle area and Los Angeles.

Exhibitions

- 2025 *Nostalgia*, Group exhibition, ABV Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2023 *Futuro*, Group exhibition, Laboratory Arts Collective, LA, CA
- 2023 *Season Two*, Group exhibition, ABV Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2022 *25th Anniversary*, Group exhibition, KP Projects Gallery, LA, CA
- 2019 *Crazy For Cult*, Group exhibition, Gallery 1988, Los Angeles CA
- 2019 *The 90s*, Group exhibition, Gallery 1988, Los Angeles CA
- 2011 *Bubbles*, Solo exhibition, Gallery 24B, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2010 *Continued*, Solo exhibition, Gallery 24B, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2009 *It Begins*, Solo exhibition, Gallery 24B, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Corporate Collaborations & Commissions

- 2019 *Space Ape Mural*, Lexus x Beautify Earth, Santa Monica, CA
- 2019 *Artwork for Season 9, Battlebots TV Series*, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 *Headquarters Commissions*, Stream Creative, Milwaukee, WI
- 2012 *Funkyland Mural*, Converse Flagship Store, Santa Monica, CA

Private Commissions

- 2024 *Lucky Charms Box Top*, Private Collector, Milwaukee, WI
- 2024 *Atomic Elbow Drops*, Private Collector, Los Angeles, CA
- 2024 *Pink Green Brick #1*, Private Collector, Los Angeles, CA
- 2021 *Bazooka*, Private Collector, Milwaukee, WI
- 2021 *Blue LEGO Dragon*, Private Collector, Los Angeles, CA
- 2020 *LEGO Unicorn*, Private Collector, Dallas, TX
- 2020 *Green LEGO Dragon*, Private Collector, Dallas, TX
- 2020 *Chevelle Number 6*, Private Collector, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 *All The Sugar*, Private Collector, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 *Endless Summer*, Private Collector, San Diego, CA
- 2018 *From The Depths*, Private Collector, San Diego, CA
- 2015 *Rice Krispies Box Top*, Private Collector, Boston, MA

Press & Panels

- 2023 Featured Artist, *The Futuro Edition* by The Lab Mag, LA CA
- 2022 *The Digital Art Renaissance* - Panelist at NFT.NYC
- 2022 *The Highest Low(brow): 25 Yrs of L.A.'s KP Projects*, LA Weekly
- 2021 *Meet Jimmy Danko Artist, Shout Out LA*
- 2020 *LA Artist Uses Legos to Inspire and Give Back*, Spectrum News LA
- 2015 *Price Ranges & Studio Images of 21 Contemporary Artists*, Forbes

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts
University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh

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