

David "Mr.StarCity"

**White** 

# **FREVO**

# **Presents:**





"When We Bloom"
a Solo Exhibition by
David "Mr.StarCity" White,
in collaboration with curator
Destinee Ross-Sutton

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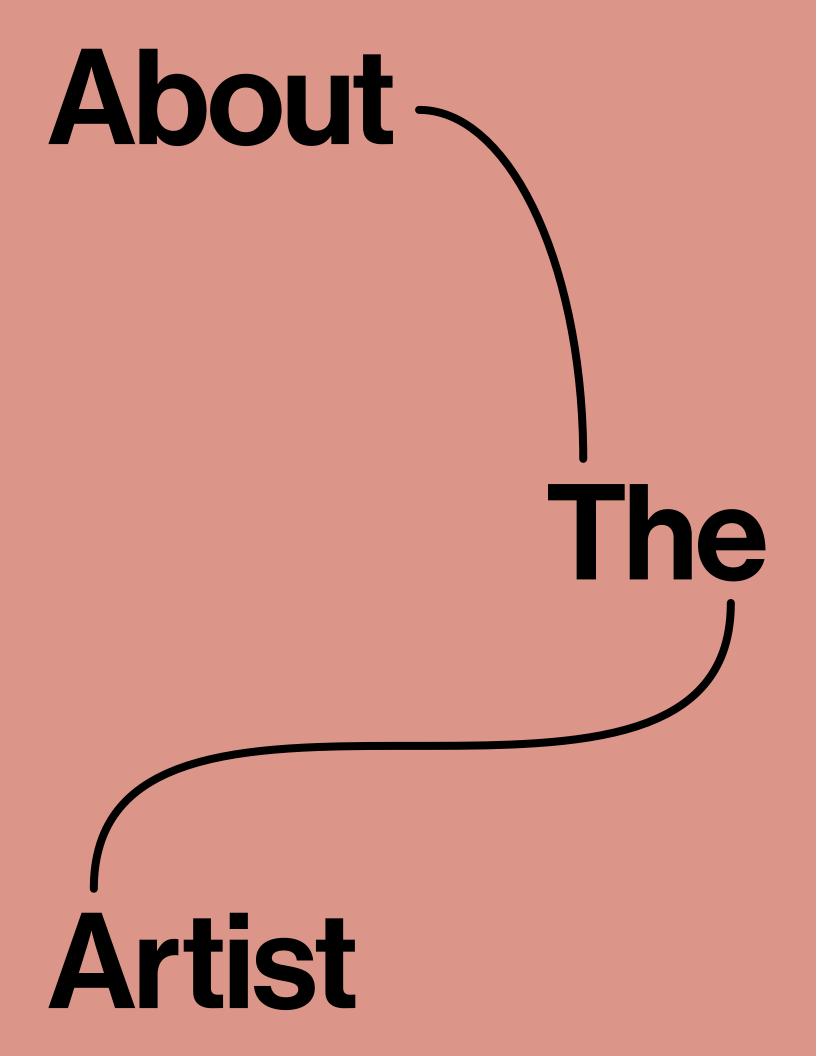
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David "Mr.StarCity" White (b. 1979, Brooklyn, New York City) is a multidisciplinary artist working across painting, sculpture, poetry, performance, video and installation art. While he creates figurative and abstract works through his spontaneous and constantly evolving, highly experimental practice, White's undying commitment to spreading positivity while uplifting the spirits of his community remains constant throughout his body of work. Using found objects and any materials available at hand, sourcing from both real and imagined histories, his works are full of texture and infused with a deep sense of his physical and emotional surroundings. While identifying and unmasking societal ills, White addresses themes that live within the shared experiences of contemporary culture.

The emotional and spiritual energy of When We Bloom offers a promise of optimism—a celebration of life, growth, and human connection. With each stroke of paint and poetic line, Mr.StarCity reminds us that while life's struggles may leave their mark, the capacity to heal and bloom remains ever-present.

# About The Curator

Destinee Ross-Sutton, a Harlem-born curator, gallerist and advisor, is a leading figure in contemporary and Black art. Her groundbreaking exhibitions—*Black Voices/Black Microcosm* in Stockholm, *Black Voices: Friend of My Mind* in New York, and her *Say It Loud* series for Christie's—arrived at a pivotal reckoning for racial justice. Other transformative exhibitions include the co-curation of *4000+ Years of African Art* at the Wallhouse Museum.

During the 60th Venice Biennale, her 34-artist exhibition *Unapologetic WomXn: The Dream is the Truth* highlighted the multifaceted experiences of women across racial, cultural, and social lines. She is a staunch advocate for artists' rights globally, pioneering resale restrictions in sales agreements to ensure fair value retention for creators. She is admired not only for her curatorial acumen but also as a muse to renowned artists like Amoako Boafo and Kehinde Wiley. For the last three years, her namesake gallery has been nomadic, with regular exhibitions in places like London and New York. An outpost will open in Stockholm this spring.

Touted as a visionary by *Vogue*, *Cultured*, *and The Art Newspaper*, Ross-Sutton is reshaping the art world with her discerning eye, unwavering dedication to social change, and commitment to fostering meaningful dialogue through art.

When We Bloom marks Ross-Sutton's return to FREVO as a curator, having been the first in 2021, it is her fourth collaboration with Mr.StarCity.

"When We Bloom"

We begin as seeds in the quiet ground,



Growing together our love is found.



Through storms and sun, our roots intertwine,



Sharing the rain, your strength becomes mine.



The world is brighter, no need for gloom,



We'll find the light together When We Bloom.



-Mr. StarCity

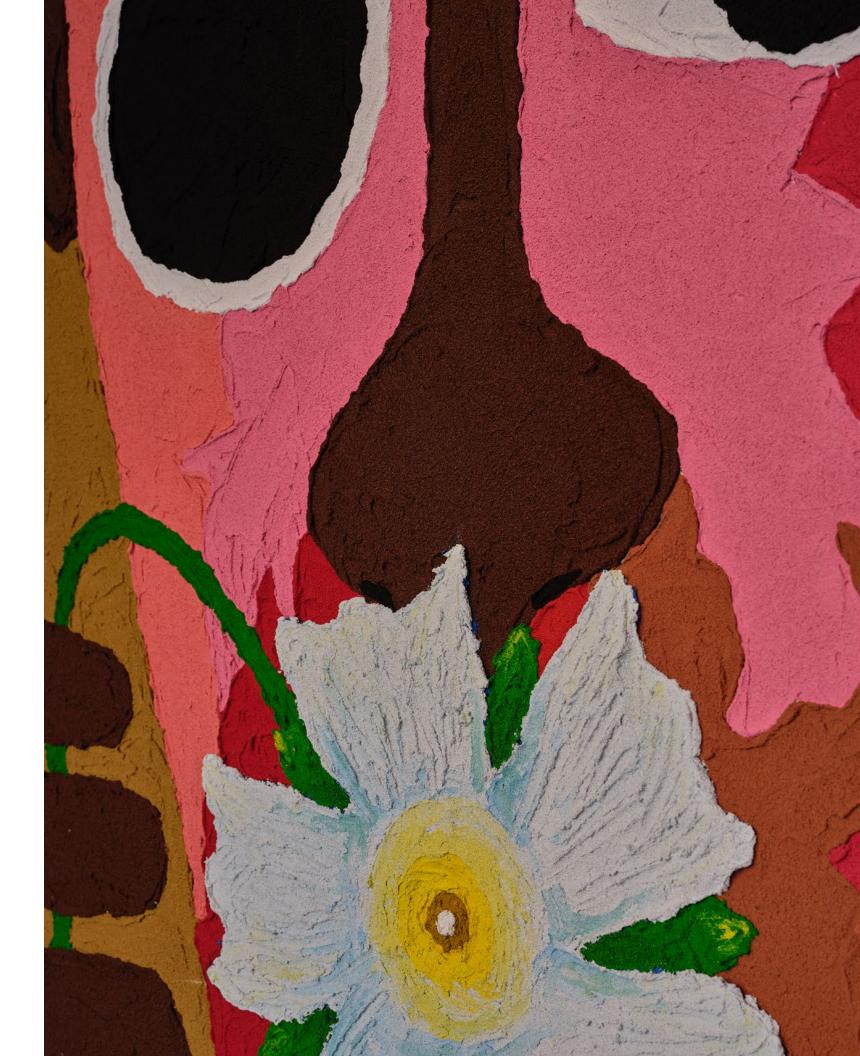




David "Mr.StarCity" White
The world is brighter, no need for gloom, 2025
LOVERBOY series
Mixed media on canvas
60 x 48in / 152.4 x 121.92cm Framed 61.5 x 49.5in / 156.21 x 125.73 cm

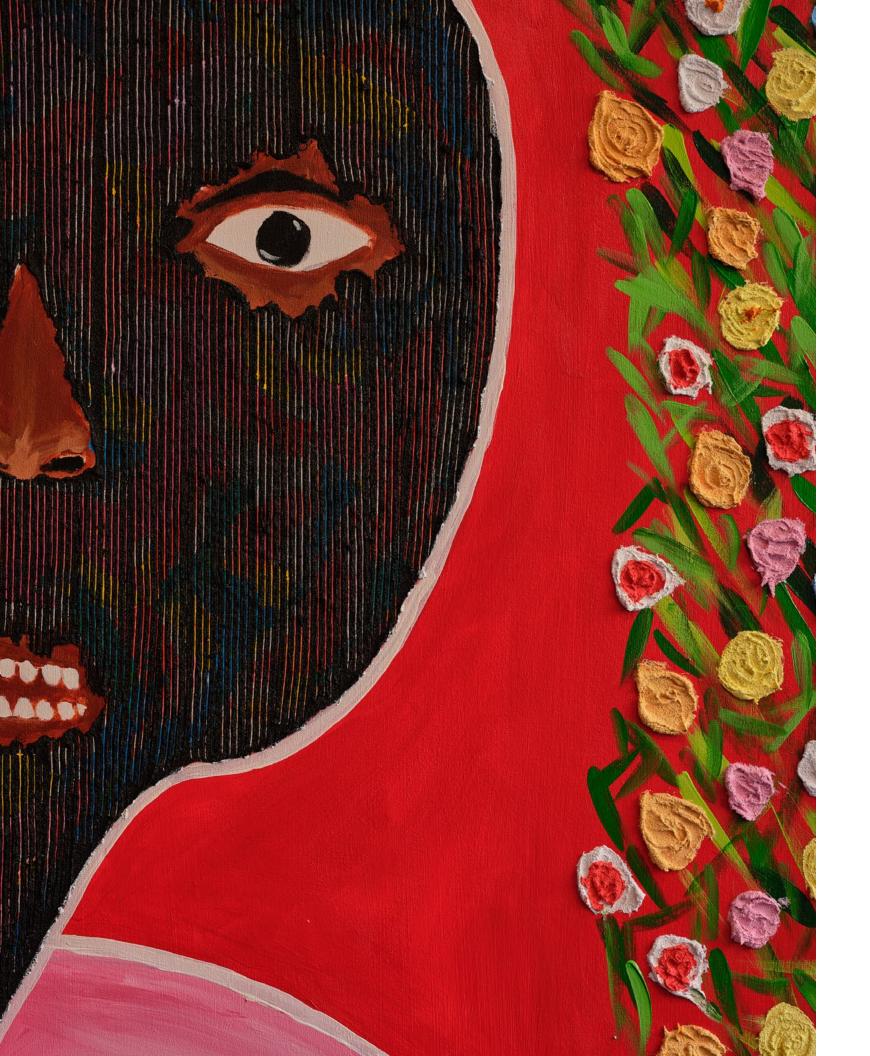










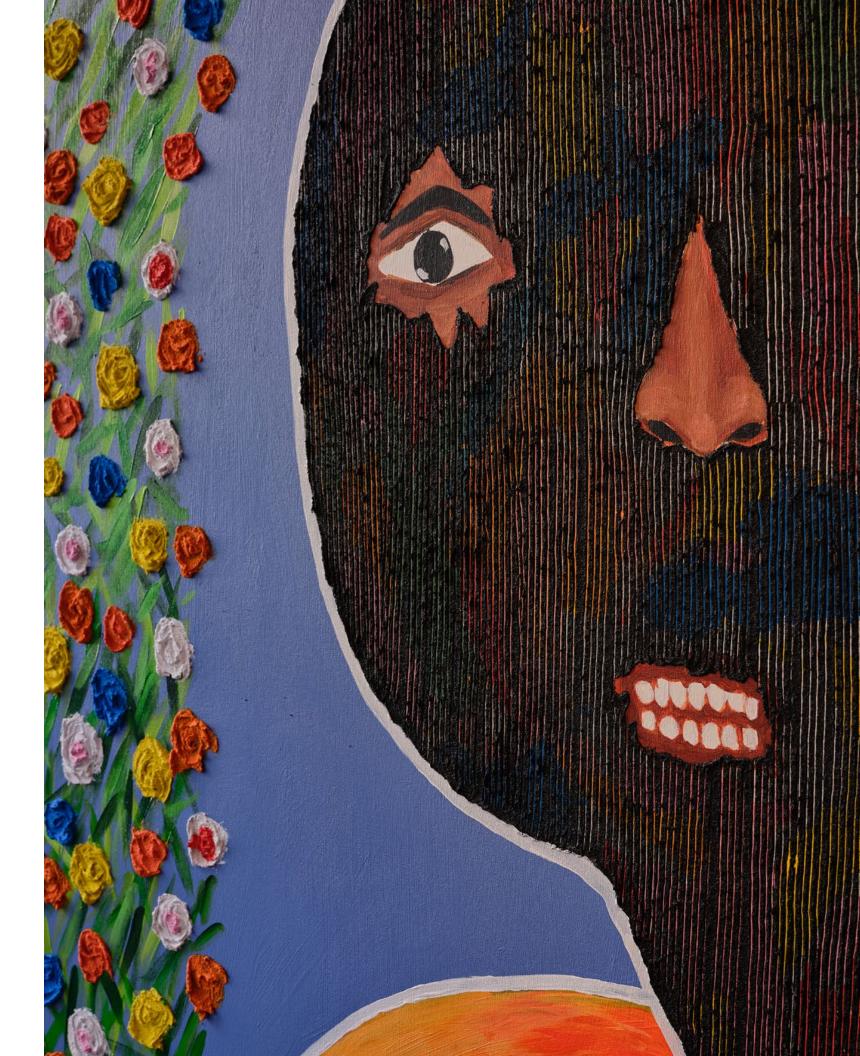




David "Mr.StarCity" White Growing together our love is found, 2025 BLOOMERS series Mixed media on canvas 66 x 66in / 172.72 x 172.72 cm Framed 68 x 68in / 172.72 x 172.72cm



David "Mr.StarCity" White
Sharing the rain, your strength becomes mine, 2025
BLOOMERS series
Mixed media on canvas
66.5 x 66.5 in / 165.1 x 165.1 cm Framed  $68.5 \times 68.5 \text{in} / 173.99 \times 173.99 \text{ cm}$ 



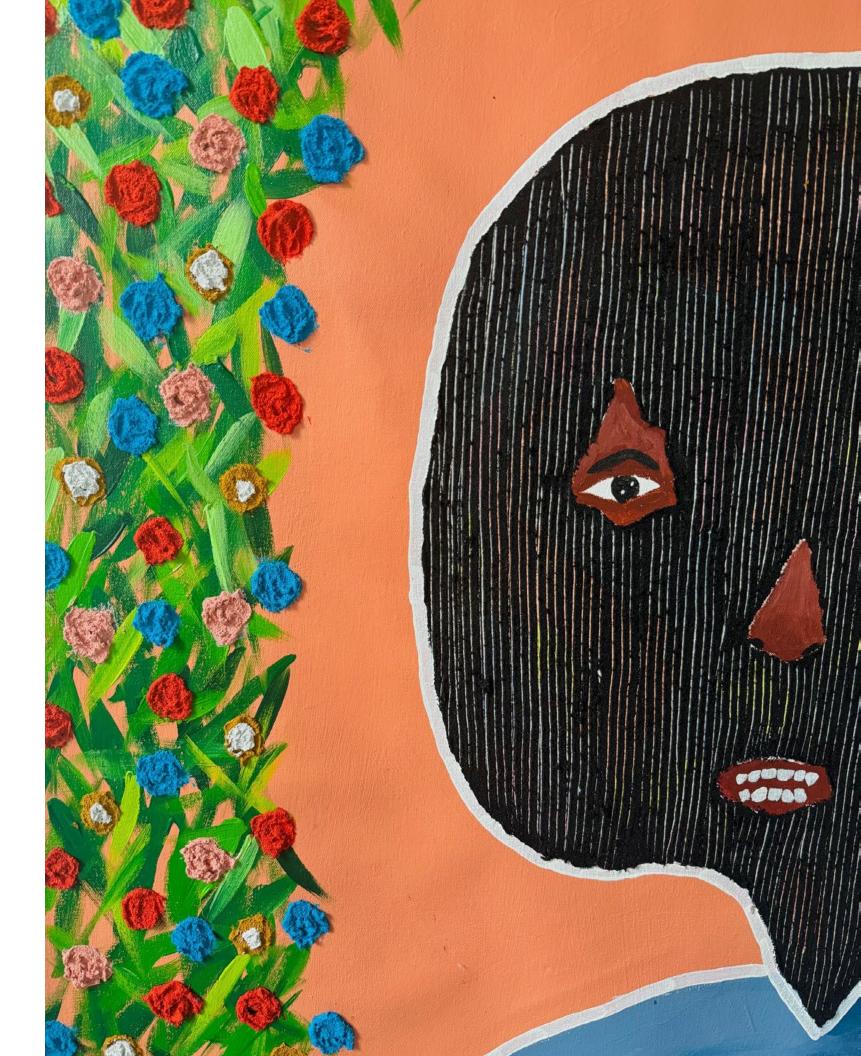




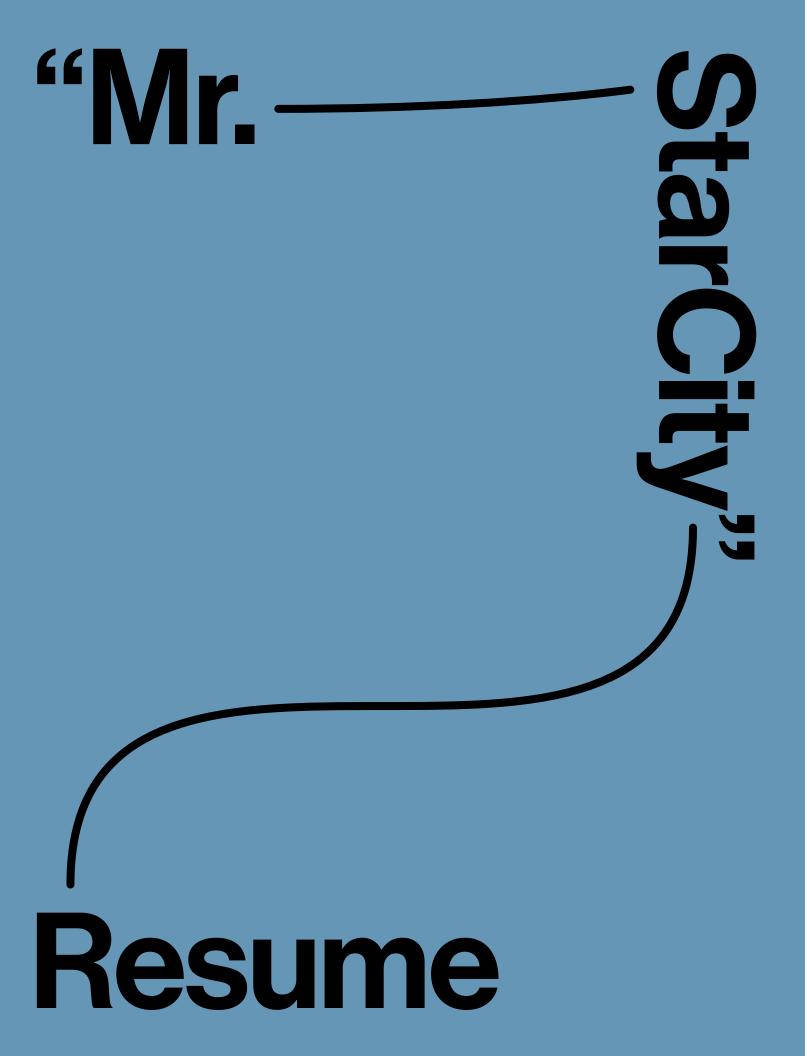
David "Mr.StarCity" White
We'll find the light together When We Bloom, 2025
BLOOMERS series
Mixed media on canvas
45 x 37.5in / 124.46 x 99.69cm
Framed 47 x 38.5in / 119.38 x 97.79 cm



David "Mr.StarCity" White
Through storms and sun, our roots intertwine, 2025
BLOOMERS series
Mixed media on canvas
49 x 39.25in / 124.46 x 99.69cm
Framed 47 x 38.5in / 119.38 x 97.79 cm







David 'Mr. StarCity' White b. 1979 (Brooklyn, NY) Lives and works in New York, NY David White (a.k.a. "Mr.StarCity") is a multidisciplinary visual artist whose work spans a diverse range of media across painting, sculpture, poetry, music, performance, film, photography and installation art. Growing up across Brooklyn during the '80's, Mr. StarCity spent his childhood and formative years creating large-scale murals in memorial to the many friends he lost to violence. It was when Mr. StarCity began painting that he found his calling and discovered its potential to affect community, uplift spirits and create positive change through the healing power of art.

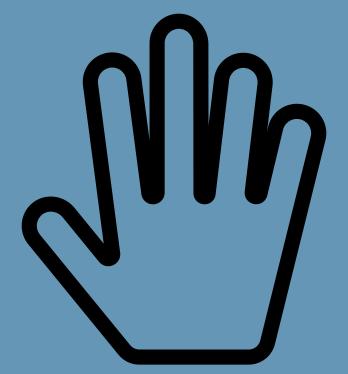
Throughout his works, Mr.StarCity critically addresses the lasting effects of generational trauma on identity, emotional well-being, and the stigmas associated with mental illnesses. As a social expressionist of the human condition, Mr. StarCity's work continues to be inspired by real-life experiences and encounters with strangers, friends, family and figures that extend beyond the representational. His extended research into human emotion helps to break down stigmas and taboos in relation to mental and emotional well-being.

A self-taught artist, Mr. StarCity's practice is unrestricted by classical, academic tenets. Drawing inspiration from his poetry and the truth of the everyday, Mr.StarCity creates figurative and expressionistic works that emerge through his spontaneous and constantly evolving, highly experimental practice. Using any materials available at hand and sourcing from both real and imagined histories, his works are full of impasto texture and infused with a deep sense of his physical and emotional surroundings, embodying an otherworldly synthesis of the beauty, passion, and conflict that define the human condition. He has become increasingly recognized for his experimental storytelling through his uniquely playful paintings complemented by his lyrical poetry.

Whatever the medium, Mr. StarCity's undying commitment to spreading positivity while uplifting the spirits of his community is palpable throughout his body of work and all channels of creation.

### Solo shows

2024	June 15-July 27, 2024 The Pit Los Angeles, USA
	One Petal At A Time Art Fair Philippines February 16-18, 2024 Makati City, Philippines
2022	October 12-November 26, 2022 Tiger Gallery London, UK
	Before There Was Life There Were People I Never Met March 11-26, 2022 Salon 94 New York, USA
2020	LOVERBOY: Moonlit Roses and Heartache August 15 - September 5, 2020 Kantor Gallery Los Angeles, USA
	Afterparty iv Gallery The Spring Break Art Fair February 14-16, 2020 Los Angeles, USA
2019	Fractured and The Long Road Back to Insanity August 23 to October 23, 2019 iv Gallery Los Angeles, USA

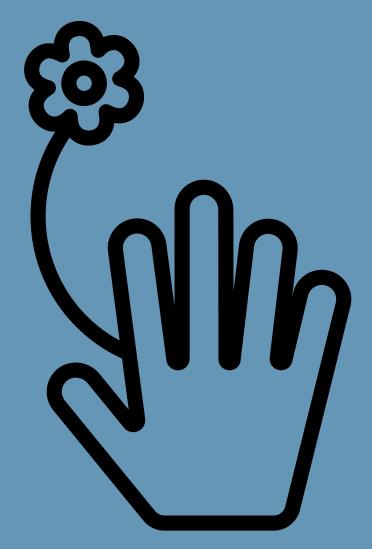


### **Selected Group Shows**

10 Years 2024 20 January - 2 March 2024 Wilding Cran Gallery Los Angeles, USA Sounds of Blackness 2023 March 14- June 17, 2023 The Metropolitan Museum of Manila Taguig City, Philippines 2022 Rise September 16 - October 6, 2022 NBB Gallery Berlin, Germany Collage/Assemblage July 2- August 2, 2022 Eric Firestone Gallery East Hampton, New York, USA Selfish Too November 22, 2021- January 3, 2022 ChaShaMa New York, USA 2021 Black Excellence, Black Elegance November 28-December 5, 2021 Ross-Sutton Gallery Miami, Florida, USA **WOPART Fair** November 18-21, 2021 Kutlesa Gallery Lugano, Switzerland The Loneliest Sport October 22-November 18, 2021 Spazio Amanita New York, USA

> Beyond the Streets on Paper July 17-August 28, 2021 Southampton Arts Center Southampton, New York, USA

Shape of An Image May 21-June 14, 2021 WOAW Gallery Hong Kong



### Selected Group Shows

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### Fairyland

2020

April 16 -May 8, 2021 Mindy Solomon Gallery Miami, Florida, USA

### Black Voices: Friend of My Mind

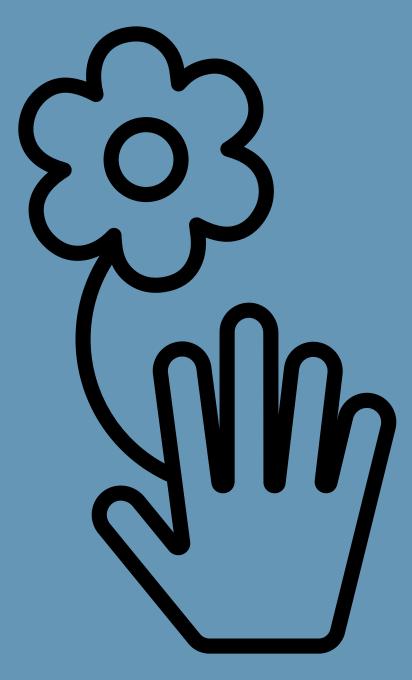
December 18, 2020 - March 2, 2021 Ross-Sutton Gallery New York City, USA

### How 'Bout Them Apples

September 17 - October 31, 2020 Ross+Kramer Gallery New York, USA

### Black Voices, Black Microcosm

April 8 - May 6, 2020 CFHILL Stockholm, Sweden



## Special Projects Streetwear

2024

2024 Lover Boy's Flower Shop ComplexCon Hong Kong March 22-24, 2024 Hong Kong, China

Astro Lover Boy Capsule Collection Billionaire Boys Club & Ice Cream Launched February 2024



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