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D!VE

D!VE is an Irish visual artist. Originally from Cork, he studied Graphic Design at the Limerick School of Art & Design. In pursuit of further artistic development, he traveled to Berlin where he used his skills in visual communications combined with a passion for screen print to develop his practice as a printmaker and a creator. D!VE began his artistic journey as teenager heavily influenced by street art culture, he was drawn in by the lawlessness but he stayed for the creative outlet...and the smell of the paint.

D!VE's artistic practice focuses on creating snapshots of moments that never happened. Visualising objects disassembling in zero gravity to create highly detailed images outside the limitations of traditional composition, revealing components and structures that would be otherwise hidden depending on the angle. This concept is fueled by Picasso's words, 'Every act of creation begins as an act of destruction'.

Destruction, deconstructed. D!VE's focus on shattering historical statues is derived from the notion that these figures represent societies at their cultural peak. Great Roman & Greek philosophers, warriors and Gods frozen in time emphasise the power of humanity. The fractured statues represent today's fractured society. A divided world of people contrasting from far right to far left, where peoples unwavering belief in the most outlandish conspiracy theories would make the most rational thinker question their sanity, where having all of the worlds information at our fingertips made us vacuous.



Nathan Twomey (D!VE)

Born in 1991 in Cork, Ireland
Resides and works in Berlin, Germany

Education/training:

2008: Portfolio preparation course, Crawford College of Art & Design, Cork, Ireland
2009 - 2013: BA honors in Visual Communications, LSAD Limerick School of Art & Design, Limerick, Ireland
2014: Praktikum in den Kommunikations und Ausstellungs-Design, GfG Gruppe für Gestaltung, Bremen, Germany
2016: Introduction to screen print course, STATTLAB, Berlin, Germany

Selected solo exhibitions:

2016 D!VE Under Blacklight, Gallery onetwothree, Bremen, Germany
2017 D!VE Indoors, The Rogue Gallery, Waterford, Ireland
2020 Mural Enthüllung, Litfass, Bremen, Germany
2023 Rusty Frames, 20square7, Berlin, Germany
2023 No More Heroes, Litfass, Bremen, Germany

Selected duo exhibitions:

2024 D!VE x Patrick Ireland 3000, Recovering Catholics, Retramp, Berlin, Germany

Selected group exhibitions:

2013 Odyssey // Graduate Show 2013, LSAD Limerick School of Art & Design, Limerick, Ireland
2016 Just Freitags, Gallery onetwothree, Bremen, Germany
2018 Secret 7", The Jetty, London, United Kingdom
2019 Hit for 6!, Conclave, Brighton, United Kingdom
2020 Litfass goes urban art, Kollwitzplatz, Berlin, Germany
2022 STATTLAB trifft Supalife Kiosk, Supalife Kiosk, Berlin Germany
2022 CONTROVERSIAL - INSPIRING - OBEY!, St.Laurence University, Canton New York, United States
2022 Anonymous Drawings, Galerie im Körnerpark, Berlin, Germany
2022 Lieber Laut, Hansabibliothek, Berlin, Germany
2022 Support Living Artists, KURIOSIS, Berlin, Germany
2023 Tag der Druckkunst Ausstellung, STATTLAB, Berlin, Germany
2023 Spice bag art show, Backhaus projects, Berlin, Germany
2023 Litfass goes urban art, Gesundbrunnen, Berlin, Germany
2023 Live Wheatpasting X Modulab & The Tinker Tapes, STATTLAB, Berlin, Germany
2024 Transitions, Retramp, Berlin, Germany
2024 25 Hour International Print Challenge with Limerick Printmakers, Limerick, Ireland
2024 Spice bag art show vol.2, Backhaus projects, Berlin, Germany
2024 Serigraffeur Galerie Temporär, Friche et Nous la Paix, Paris, France
2024 PUNK LIVES, Subliminal Projects, California, United States

Selected murals:

2016 In Loving Memory, Weberstraße 2, Bremen, Germany.
2016 Exit Through The House Of Mirrors, Stephanibrücke, Bremen, Germany 2
2016 Still Life, ChinChilla, Bremen, Germany.
2017 Come D!VE with me, The Rogue Gallery, Waterford, Ireland.
2017 Spinnin' Round The Wrong Way, Teufelsberg, Berlin, Germany
2017 The Lonely Souls, Teufelsberg, Berlin Germany.
2019 I'm No Shadow, Mauerpark, Berlin, Germany.
2020 The Slip, Litfass, Bremen, Germany
2021 ONANDONANDON, Litfass Goes Urban Art, Kollwitzplatz, Berlin, Germany
2021 King Neptune, Green Park, Youghal, Co.Cork, Ireland
2022 The Good, The Bad and The Hypochondriac, Sonnenalle 90, Berlin, Germany
2023 BOSS SD-1 Deconstruction, Pedal Markt, Berlin, Germany
2023 Game Over, Teufelsberg, Berlin, Germany
2023 Dancing Faun of Panke, Panke Culture, Berlin, Germany
2023 Discobobulated, Litfass Foes Urban Art, Gesundbrunnen, Berlin, Germany
2023 Stone & Sinew, Teufelsberg, Berlin, Germany

2024 Recovery, Weserstr, Berlin, Germany
2024 The Queen of Hearts, SPOT13, Paris, France
2024 The Wreck of the S.S. FELTRIA, Stephen St, Waterford, Ireland
2024 Dissolved Girl, Mardyke Walk, Mardyke, Cork, Ireland
2024 Paint It Black, Bülowstraße 11, Berlin, Germany
2024 No Future, Jealous Gallery, 53 Curtain Rd, London, England
2024 Le Réveil, Urban Spree, Revaler Str. 99, Berlin, Germany
2024 No More Heroes, Litfass, Ostertorsteinweg 22, Bremen, Germany

Selected street art festivals:

2024 Waterford Walls, Waterford, Ireland.
2024 Zagreb Street Art Festival, Zagreb, Croatia

Selected collections:

Supalife Kiosk, Berlin, Germany
Neurotitan, Berlin, Germany SALZIG, Berlin, Germany
Conclave, Brighton, United Kingdom
MINIMALISTIX, Berlin, Germany
Jealous Gallery, 53 Curtain Rd, London, England

/ D!VE features in various national and international private collections.

Residencies:

2017 Artists residency, The Rogue Gallery, Waterford, Ireland.
2021 Cork county council housing public art panel, Cork, Ireland.

Selected press:

Christy Parker, "D!VE creates stunning maritime murals in Youghal's Green park" in *Irish Examiner*

KC Webb, "Artist Interview: Nathan Twomey – Illustrator and Interdisciplinary Designer" in *Jungkatz* (2014) at <https://jungkatz.wordpress.com/2014/08/09/artist-interview-nathan-twomey/> consulted on 17 May, 2023.

Catherine Tedford, "Inspiring | Controversial | OBEY!" Stickers by Shepard Fairey and bootleg stickers by many other artists" in *Stickerkitty* (2022) at <https://www.stickerkitty.org/inspiring-controversial-obey-stickers-by-shepard-fairey-and-bootleg-stickers-by-many-other-artists/> consulted on 17 May, 2023.

POP Members, "D!VE" in *People of Print* (2024) at <https://www.peopleofprint.com/solo-artist/dve/> consulted on 18 November, 2024.

Bibliography:

Mike Fitzpatrick, Odyssey graduate show 2013.
Limerick: Limerick Institute of Technology, 2013.
Jördis Hirsch, Nicht ohne uns. Berlin: STATTLAB, 2021.
Nathan Twomey, Rusty Frames Exhibition catalogue. ISBN9798850713485 Berlin. Self Published, 2023
Nathan Twomey, Recovering Catholics Exhibition catalogue. ISBN9798325897306 Berlin. Self Published, 2024

Professional contributions:

2018: Guest artist, 10m2 wall mural, Teufelsberg, Berlin, Germany.
2022: Exhibition curator, STATTLAB trifft Supalife Kiosk, Berlin, Germany.
2021 - Present: Screen print technician, STATTLAB, Berlin, Germany.
2021 - Present: Screen print tutor, STATTLAB, Berlin, Germany.
2023 - Present: Member of the board of directors, STATTLAB, Berlin, Germany.
2024 - Present: Vice president, STATTLAB, Berlin, Germany.

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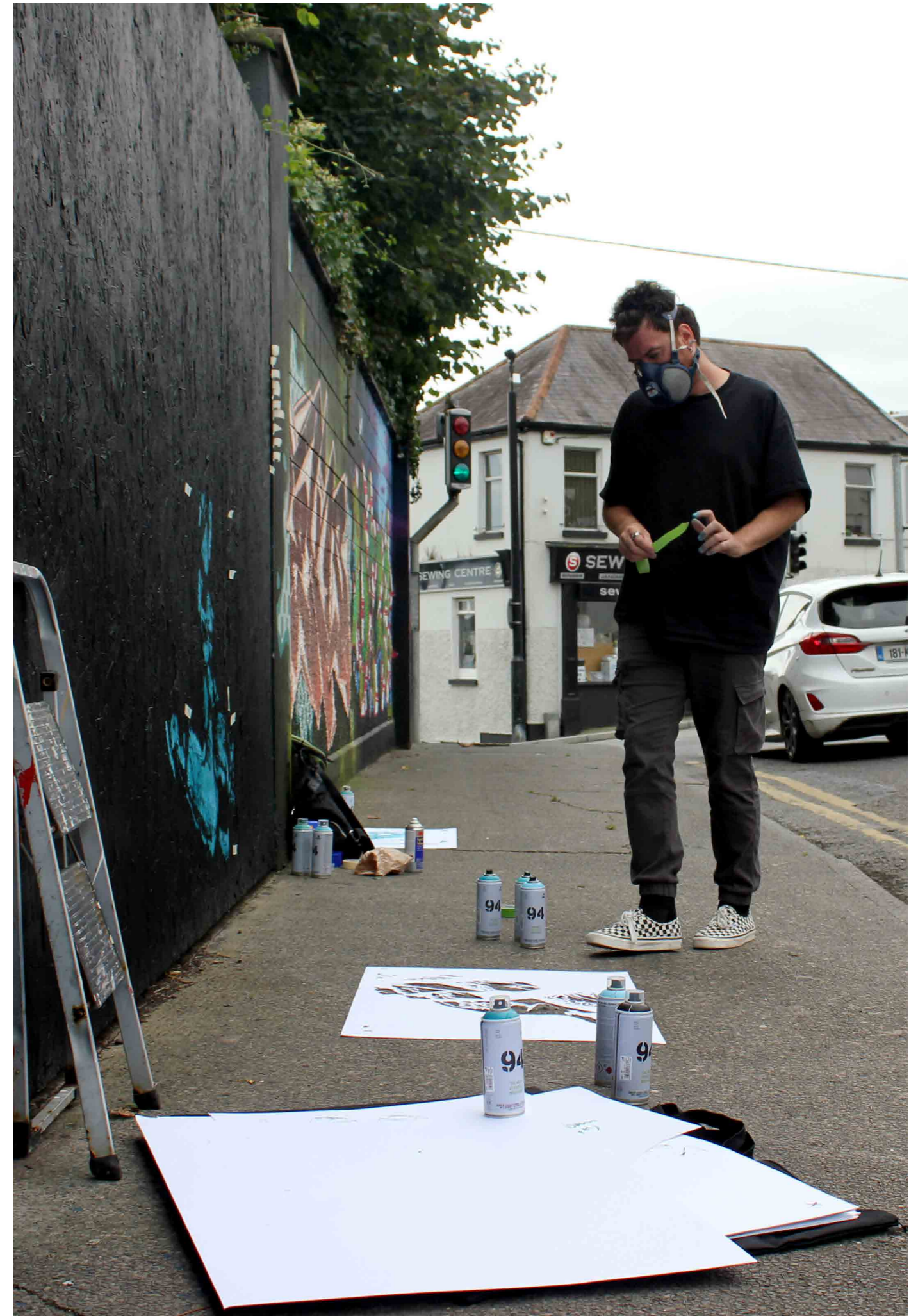
MINIMALISTIX.EU
Bülowstraße 11, 10783 Berlin, Germany
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Jealous Gallery and Print Studio
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<https://jealousgallery.com/> / info@jealousgallery.com / 020 7739 4107

Represented by:

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<https://www.bookastreetartist.com/>

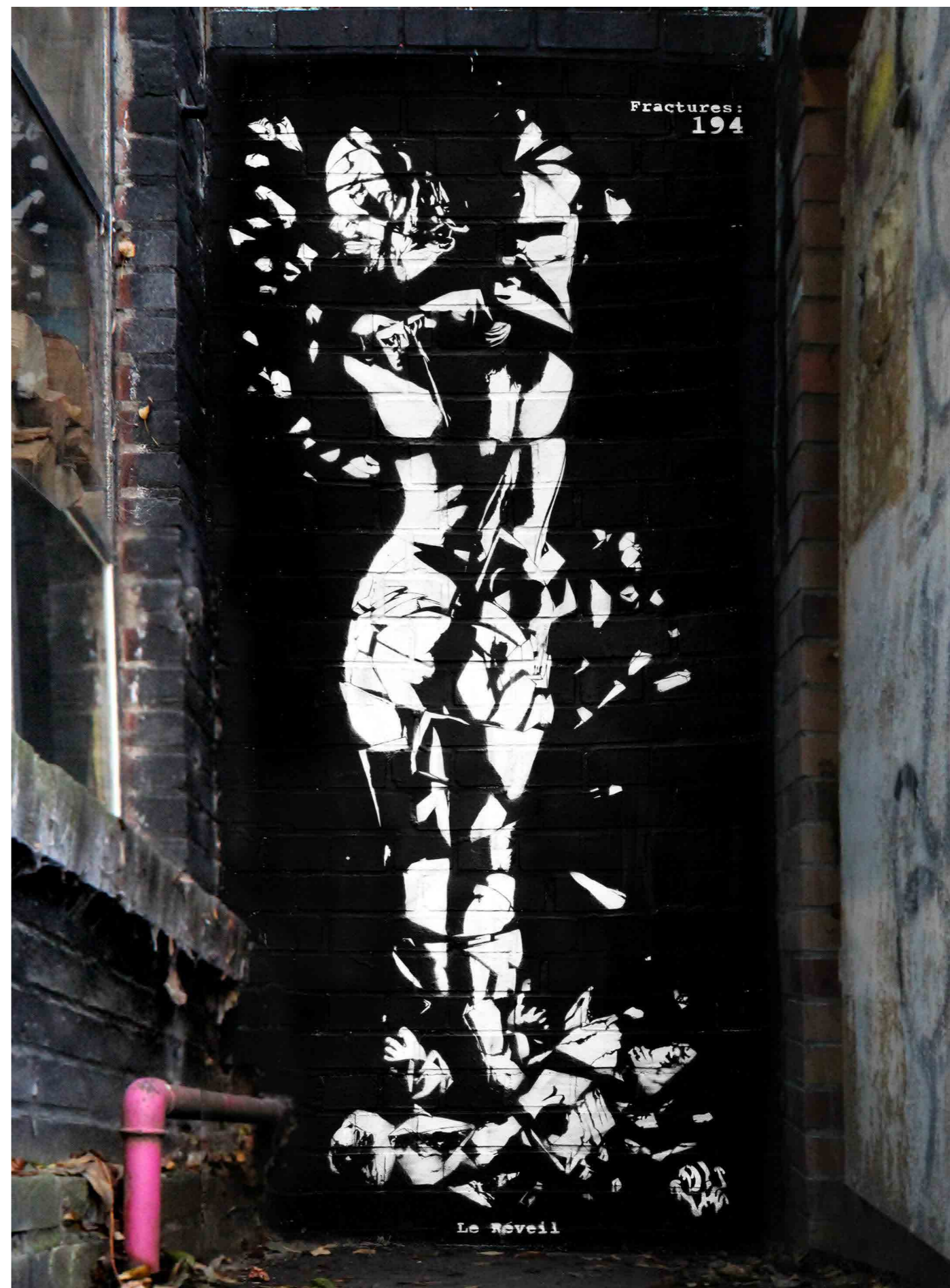
People of Print
Unit 2A, The Hyde Business Park, Auckland Drive, Brighton BN2 4JE
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Le Réveil

This fractured statue 'Le Réveil / Galetea' was at first illustrated from the front, despite the back being more dynamic, the visual connection of a face was still more appealing. Until the realization that by shattering the statue in a particular way it would allow the image to show the back of the figure and her face at the same time and still make sense visually. This approach to destroying the statues creates a narrative beyond senseless shatters, it tells its own story between the rubble.



Le Réveil
Urban Spree Art Gallery,
Revaler Str. 99, 10245 Berlin, Germany, 2024
107 x 250cm Hand-cut stencil, spray painted wall.



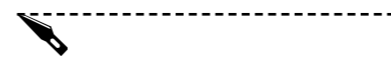
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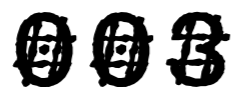
Jealous Gallery and Print Studio,
53 Curtain Rd, London EC2A 3PT, United Kingdom 2024
280 x 500cm Hand-cut stencil, spray painted wall.



No Future

The argument of Art vs Vandalism is regularly contemplated in the street art world. Though there is something of a line drawn between the two, you can find beautiful shapes in shattered glass if you look hard enough. This dispute is contemplated here by artist both applauded and apprehended for doing the same thing in different spaces. This painting is a reflection on that notion, but more than that, this painting is a tribute to Piero Cannata, an artist mistook for a vandal. In 1991 Piero Cannata took a hammer to the statue of David. He was unemployed at the time. No job, no hope, no future. He was found to be of unsound mind and sent to a mental hospital. When he was released he was, incredibly, employed as a museum guide giving tours of masterpieces, including David. He went on to deface a fresco by a Renaissance master, took a knife to "The Adoration of the Shepherds Before Baby Jesus" and spray painted a black "x" on a plaque commemorating the burning to death of a 15th-century preacher amongst other acts of vandalism. When he was asked to explain his crimes he expressed a sentiment shared by most artists, "a force inside me urged me to do it." I think about that story a lot, let's applaud Piero Cannata.





No More Herores

Here you see a shattered statue of Hercules fighting Achelous. Only this in representation the artist has spray painted 'No More Herores' across the chest of Hercules and shattered the whole thing into 487 pieces. D!VE's artistic practise calls on many different disciplines to create these images, but they are always realised in the end as stencils. The artists approach to creating work comes from his belief in the idea of 'Doing the best you can with what you have'. The limitations of working with stencils are what attracted the artist to the discipline. colour, contrast and even the paper holding together. When all you have is a piece of paper, a Stanley blade and a can of spray paint, how intricate you can make the work is a testament to overcoming limitations.

That is why, for this piece DIVE chose the depiction of Hercules fighting Achelous. The statue is known for its intricate details, from the muscular forms of the combatants to the scales on the snake, it presented an opportunity to create a highly detailed piece.



Hercules and Achelous

No More Herores

Litfass, Ostertorsteinweg 22 28203 Bremen, Germany, 2024
250 x 375cm Hand-cut stencil, spray painted wall.



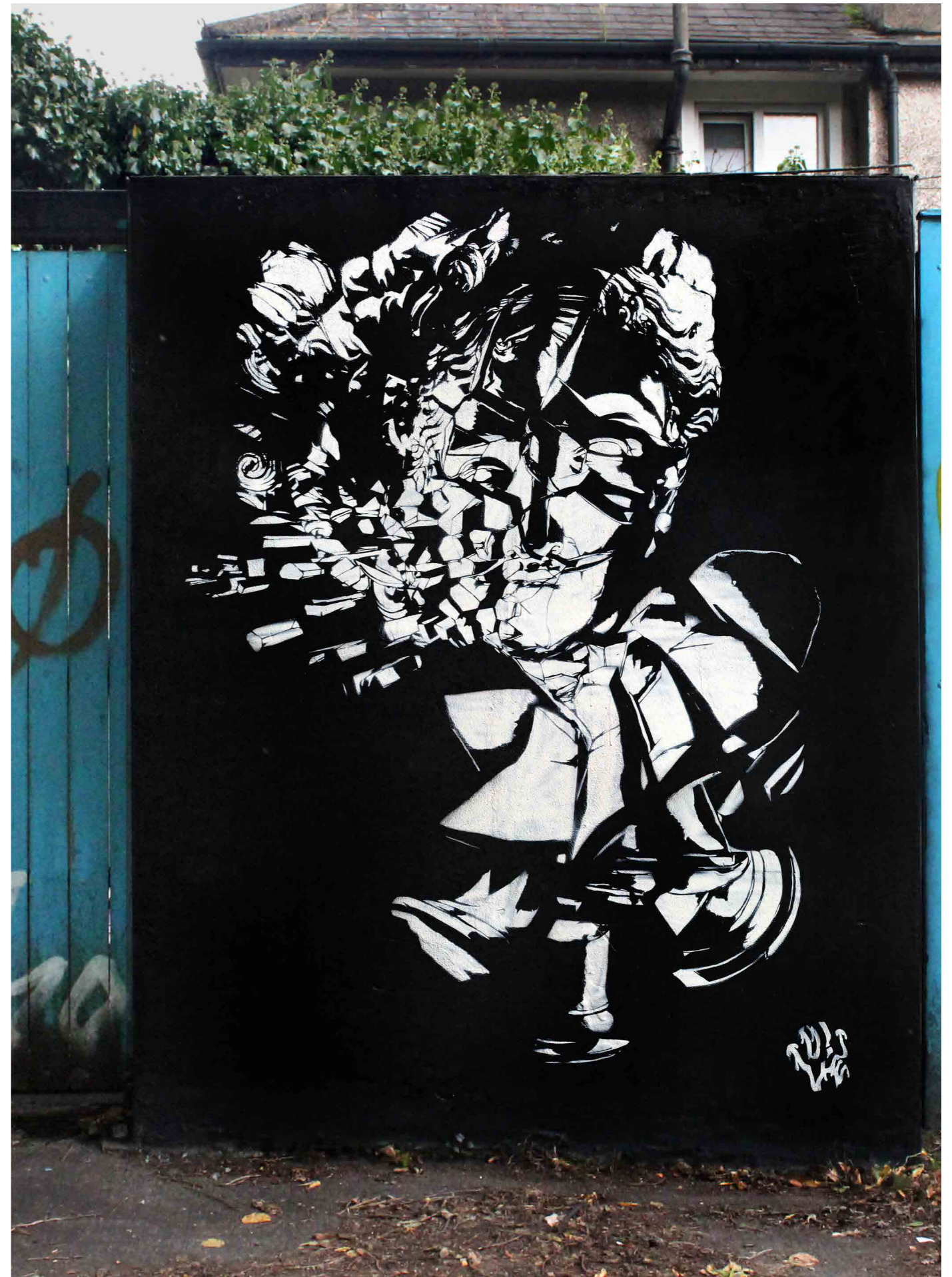
Hercules and Achelous





Dissolved Girl

This bust references the Venus Italica by Antonio Canova, A figure studied in the Crawford Gallery's Recasting Canova exhibition. A collection of some of the greatest works of Ancient Greek and Roman sculpture in the Vatican Museums, brought to Cork in 1818 and have since transformed the ways in which art has been appreciated, studied, and practiced in the south of Ireland. This fractured version of the Venus is a continuation of D!VE's ongoing series of fractured statues 'Destruction, Deconstructed, which comprises of many pieces from the Canova collection as these works, as intended by their display, had inspired the project from it's beginning.



Dissolved Girl
Mardyke Walk, Cork 2024
180 x 230cm Hand-cut stencil, spray painted wall.



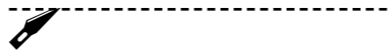
The Wreck of the S.S. Feltria
Waterford Walls street art festival,
Stephen Street, Waterford 2024
240 x 360cm Hand-cut stencil, spray painted wall.

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The Wreck of the S.S. Feltria

This image of an anchor disassembling in zero gravity comes from an Admiralty type anchor, recovered from the World War One wreck of the Cunard ship S.S. Feltria that was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine UC 48 on the 5th May 1917. The anchor can be found by the key in Dungarvan while the wreck now lies 14 miles S.E. of Helvick Head. After taking a 3D scan of the object and simulating its disintegration digitally to use as a reference for illustration. D!VE was invited by the organisers of Waterford Walls to paint the piece as a stencil at their next annual event. After enlarging the illustration to dimensions fitting to the suggested wall, he separated the image into 12 segments to hand screen print and cut the stencil. On the day the piece was painted directly on the wall by spluttering 3 different shades of Montana 94 blues to achieve a patina effect replicating the current state of the original anchor.



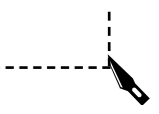


The Dancing Faun of Panke
Panke Culture Wedding, Berlin 2023
170 x 90cm Hand-cut stencil, spray paint on a door



The Dancing Faun of Panke

This take on the Dancing Faun focuses the breaking point of the statue on the legs. An alteration that recontextualizes its arms and facial expression from dancing to despair. The original statue was found at The House of the Faun, one of the largest private residences in Pompeii and home to many pieces of spectacular art. Much like the House of the Faun, The Panke Culture in Berlin is also home to many spectacular pieces from Berlin's street artists.





Paint it Black

Here we see a bust celebrating Apollo. One of the most significant deities in the Greek pantheon, shattered to pieces with 'paint it black' spray painted across his face. Apollo's name is mentioned frequently in Greek mythology for the roles he played in the Trojan war (amongst other wars), killing all of Niobe's sons & slaying the giants. In other words he gained notable credibility from death & destruction. Paint it Black by the stones is considered by many to be written about someone's struggle with the sudden loss of a partner, others associate it with the Vietnam war. In either interpretation the character is overcome with loss & despair and as a result of death wants to paint everything black. This painting associates Apollo, the God of music & dance, with a song about death & destruction.



Paint it Black
Bülowstraße 11, Berlin, 2024
245 x 272cm Hand-cut stencil, spray painted wall.



Discobobulated

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Discobobulated

Litfaßsäule, Gesundbrunnen, Berlin 2023
180 x 327cm Hand-cut stencil, spray paint & wheatpaste on a Litfaßsäule (Advertising column)





Stone & Sinew

The statue of Perseus with the Head of Medusa refers to the mythological story of the incident in which the hero has put an end to Medusa turning people into stone. This interpretation depicts the statue crumbling apart to reinforce that the image is in fact a statue and to explore the irony that the moment Medusa's curse was put to an end has itself become a statue. Medusa's head remains intentionally intact.



Stone & Sinew

Painted in 1st floor room of the Teufelsberg gallery, Berlin 2023
220 x 150cm Hand-cut stencil, spray painted wall.



Re-Pose
24 x 30in Hand-cut stencil, projected with a phone torch onto a wall at an old barracks.
Ballyquin Beach, Ardmore 2023

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Re-Pose

This series of shattered busts began after having noticed some stencil artists adopting this sort of spider web technique for the portraits. They would add all these extra lines between the shading to hold the face together after everything is cut out. Figuring that these lines in-between could be comparable to cracks in ceramic, I began to experiment with breaking apart busts of historical figures to introduce a context to the lines that hold the portraits together, ironically by breaking them apart.

The way the statues are composed, the source of light is intended to be the cause the rupture and is always pointing at the breaking point of the object. In an attempt to introduce actual light to the presentation, the stencil was sealed between two sheets of custom cut glass and mounted into a refurbished frame to create a solid object, that when light shun through, it would project the stencil on to a wall.



Re-Pose
24 x 30in Hand-cut stencil, Framedn 2023



Re-Pose
24 x 30in Hand-cut stencil, spray paint on deep edge canvas. 2023

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Giant / The Dying Alexander

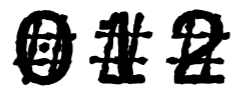
Shown at Subliminal Projects as part of
PUNK LIVES, a group exhibition celebrating
the intersection of punk and art, curated
in collaboration with DESTROY ART. 13th
July 2024



Giant / The Dying Alexander

8 x 12 cm Hand cut stencil

printed, scanned and reformatted to classic flyer format.2024



Recovering Catholics

An exhibition by D!VE & Patrick Ireland 3000 at Retramp Gallery 28th March - 7th April 2024.

Statues blown apart and religious paintings re-defined for our time. Irish artists D!VE and Patrick Ireland 3000 reinterpret Christian iconography to challenge the symbols of their youth and reflect on a country whose history is intertwined with Catholicism. Printmaking and analogue techniques are key for the pair who are determined to engage with these iconic images on their own terms. Working together for the exhibition, they have pushed each other's processes and brought obsessive natures close to the boundary of absurdity, moving works repeatedly between their different techniques to create the style swap prints and exhibition ephemera. Ireland 3000 began his work as a means to explore how Christianity has formed the foundations of our society, shaping our perceptions of morality, spirituality, and even aesthetics. However, during and due to the arduous creative process, the work evolved to become an exploration of his artistic self-belief. Ireland 3000's unique approach to creating these prints involved using a jigsaw power tool to cut and draw shapes into the wood, resulting in the distinctive style. The prints are then hand-printed, without the use of a printing press, which added a layer of physicality to an already intricate process. This technique allows Ireland to push the boundaries of what is possible with this traditional art form.



Recovering Catholics
Retramp Gallery 28th March - 7th April 2024.



Pietà (Antonio Bonazza 1758)
120x150cm, Spray painted stencil on stretched canvas, 2024



Seated Virgin Mary, Mater dolorosa
120x150cm, Spray painted stencil on stretched canvas, 2024



Pieta in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican
120x150cm, Spray painted stencil on stretched canvas, 2024



Christ on the Crucifix
120x150cm, Spray painted stencil on stretched canvas, 2024



Mary Magdalene
80x120cm, Spray painted stencil on stretched canvas, 2024



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I Put A Spell on You
60 x 60cm Hand-cut stencil,
spray paint on deep edge canvas.2024



Paint It Black
80 x 80cm Hand-cut stencil,
spray paint on deep edge canvas. 2024



Know Thyself
24 x 30inch Hand-cut stencil,
spray paint on deep edge canvas. 2024



Nero The Anti-Christ
60 x 72cm Hand-cut stencil,
spray paint on deep edge canvas. 2024



Nero The Anti-Christ
60 x 72cm Hand-cut stencil,
spray paint on deep edge canvas. 2024



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