SERRON GREEN

BIO

Raised in Newark, New Jersey at the height of the Black Power Movement, and during the eighties, as became the newest form of self-expression, Serron Green aka xplorefreedom, realized early on, the joining of these ideals would be the inspiration for his work.

The self-taught artist began experimenting with graffiti during the eighties and nineties. He began incorporating different mediums such as markers, watercolor, and even house paint—with spray paint always remaining a constant. Since that time, he has broadened his scope of work to now include materials such as, reclaimed wood, rich textiles, and many other unconventional items.

2009 was a pivotal year for the artist. At the urging of friends, fellow artists, and collectors, he began creating work for formal exhibition. Pieces created in the years prior were sold by word-of-mouth through a broadening circle that created an increasingly steady demand.

He currently lives and works in Newark—a limitless source of inspiration. His travels across Europe, The Caribbean, North and South America, have greatly impacted the way he sees the world around him, and with each discovery of a new locale, its traditions, and culture, it strengthens his belief that art truly has the power to invoke change in the world.

ARTIST STATEMENT

"While remaining true to my voice and mastering my craftsmanship, I challenge my audience to reflect into history. The rise and fall of historical leaders, the revolution of the Black Power movement and the growth of graffiti all have a direct lineage to my creative process. I now use urban media techniques to bridge the opening between street expression and historical education. Art speaks to everyone in different ways and I use different mediums to invoke conversations."

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GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024
Admiration, Tanya Weddemire Gallery
Brooklyn, NY

LA ART SHOW Los Angles, CA

Affordable Art Fair New York, NY

Within Reach, Tanya Weddemire Gallery
Brooklyn, NY

Portrait As A Statement, Halsey Art Center
Newark, NJ

Art On Paper New York, NY

Radical Reimagining
Newark Museum of Art Newark, NJ

Scope Art Fair Miami, FL

2023
Black On Black On Black
Tanya Weddemire Gallery
Brooklyn, NY

The Universe Is Black
Art In The Atrium
Morristown, NJ

14 C Art Fair
Jersey City, NJ

Cross cultural perspectives & bridging borders
Newark museum of art
Newark, NJ

Open Doors
Index Art Center
Newark, NJ

Keep It 1000
Southside Contemporary
Richmond, VA

2022
Domestic Warfare II, The Well Art Gallery
Richmond, VA

What's Your Black? Heath Gallery
Harlem, NY

Pantone Black, 11:11 Gallery
Washington, DC

2021
Domestic Warfare, The Well Art Gallery
Richmond, VA

The Empowering, 150 Gallery
Jersey City, NJ

Expressive Creative Soul, Bridge Art Gallery
Bayonne, NJ

Maskparade, Akwaaba Gallery
Newark, NJ

COMIX, Bridge Art Gallery
Bayonne, NJ

Garden Renaissance
Bridge Art Gallery in accordance with Newark Arts Council for Newark Arts Festival
Newark, NJ

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GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021
PIECES, West Orange Arts Council
West Orange, NJ

14c Art Fair
Jersey City, NJ

2020
In Search Of Super Heroes,
The Gallery Space
Rahway, NJ

We The People, Virtual exhibition
Union Square

Vanishing Boundaries, Akwaaba Gallery
Newark, NJ

Black History Now, The Well Art Gallery
Richmond, Virginia

The Bridge, The Gallery Space
Rahway, NJ

2019
Kutting In, POP UP
Newark, NJ

29th Annual Jersey City Art & Studio Tour
Jersey City, NJ

With Shackles We Fly, Akwaaba Gallery,
Newark, NJ

Still Nigga, Bishop Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

VERSES, w/ Jeff Henriquez,
Artfront Gallery, Newark, NJ

The BIG Exhibit, Philly Art Collective,
Philadelphia, PA

2018
This Is Amerika, POP UP, Newark, NJ

2017
STYLES, Pop 6IX Gallery, Newark, NJ

2016
The Number Ones, POP UP Newark, NJ

2015
The Art Of Getting Up,
City Without Walls Gallery Newark, NJ

2012
From Oppression To Expression,
ECC Gallery, Newark, NJ

2011
Behind Enemy Lines,
Russel Aldo Murray Gallery Newark, NJ

One-Two Punch, Kresge Gallery
Mahway, NJ

The Blackface Experience POP UP
Open Doors Tour Newark, NJ

2010
F*CK CURATORS,
Index Art Gallery Newark, NJ

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018
UPRISE
Art Front Gallery in accordance with Newark Arts Council for Newark Arts Festival
Newark, NJ

U.S. vs US
Index Art Gallery Newark, NJ

All the Scared Niggers are Dead,
Art Front Gallery Newark, NJ

2015
Pieces of Me,
SEED Gallery Newark, NJ

2012
The American Dream, POP UP Exhibition Montclair, NJ

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PRESS/ PUBLICATIONS

2024
Art In America, Fall Edition, Print

Black Art Magazine August, Print

Park Magazine August, Print

Vanity Fair, Hollywood Edition May, Print

Amsterdam News March, Digital

Canvas Rebel February, Digital

Black History Month Symposium at Pier 57, New York, NY
February, Live Artist Talk

2022
A Gathering of The Tribes: The Black Lives Matter Issue, Print

2021
German Channel: ZDF/ Kultur/
Show: Aspekte

America after the Storming of the Capitol
How the culture in the USA reacts

January 6, 2021, will go down in American history. It marks a watershed: the greatest crisis in American democracy since its founding. The attack by far-right violent criminals and militias on the seat of the House of Representatives, the hunt for congressmen and the devastation of the House - under the guise of legitimate protest and resistance to alleged and to this day unproven election fraud the greatest damage to be assumed in the democratic coexistence of the USA. The country, which likes to see itself as the defender and nucleus of the free world, has been shaken to its foundations. Never before has the U.S. been as divided as it is today. Essentially responsible for this is the president still in office, who has made division, agitation and lies his governing principles. What is developing from this madness? How can culture respond now? What do we learn from this - other than that the National Guard doesn't just protect the building in lines of five during "Black Live Matters" demos? And of course: what happens next? aspekte asks prominent cultural figures in America how the U.S. can grow back together socially after the storming of the Capitol, including Don Winslow and Louis Begley.

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PRESS/ PUBLICATIONS

2018
Hall Algernon. "Dream Talk Podcast."
Create Your Masterpiece with "XPLOREFREEDOM". Episode 022,
February, Audio blog post

"The Night Drive with Nobi De Lon 1" Newark Radio Co-Op. xplorefreedom and Stacey Angela
February, Radio

2016
Backer, Kim Allison, Ebony October/ November, Print

2010
Oprah Magazine, Volume 1, Number 9,
September, Print