

Adlai E. Stevenson High School

VISITING ARTIST: SARAH STIEBER

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Artist Bio

Over the past two summers entrepreneurial artist Sarah Stieber has produced "Stieber Summer Gallery," a highly anticipated interactive pop up gallery experience in San Diego with her paintings, installations, and films. In 2020 Stieber released the "Superpower Jewelry Collection" inspired by her paintings, receiving coverage in the San Diego Union Tribune and nationally in Beautiful Bizarre Magazine and News Break.

Stieber's work has been displayed in exhibitions worldwide, including at the Oceanside Museum of Art, the Wausau Museum of Art, and at Spectrum Miami in 2017, 2016, and 2014. In 2017 Stieber was recognized by CBS' On Mogul as one of "15 Female Artists You Need to Know from Miami Art Week." Notable commissions include the centerpiece paintings for Courtyard Marriott San Diego, Springhill Suites by Marriott in Oceanside, and the large-scale murals on the rooftop of the Porto Vista Hotel in San Diego and in the Courtyard of Dean on Delongpre Apartment Complex in West Hollywood. Stieber was honored as the featured artist of Art San Diego in 2017 and Artwalk San Diego in 2016, and was awarded "Best in Show" at La Jolla Art Festival in 2015. Publications include "Collector's Focus: Figurative Art" in American Art Collector Magazine, a "One on One" interview with the San Diego Union Tribune, Poets and Artist's "10 Unforgettable Paintings from 2017," and Buzzfeed's "50 badass Figurative Painters You Need to Follow on Instagram." Stieber has received cover features in the San Diego Downtown News, San Diego Uptown News, San Diego Daily Transcript, San Diego CityBeat, Voice of San Diego, San Diego Reader, and Bogamia Art and Fashion Magazine, Miami. Stieber's work has appeared in art publications American Art Collector Magazine and Beautiful Bizarre Magazine and she has appeared on the CW6, Fox5, NBC news, and as a guest on numerous podcasts.

Artist Statement

My "Electric Realism" paintings explore themes of resilience, social justice, and joy. Using a kaleidoscope of vibrant colors, these pieces aim to harness the power of perception to shine a brilliant light on the human condition.

This exhibition includes various works across several series, "Water", "Dolls", "Rainbow Ribbon Magic", "Superhero", "Face It", and my recent mixed media "Tape" series. While each painting has a story, the entire body of work shares the intention to depict celebration, resilience and harnessing power.

I gather reference images for each painting by first staging an elaborate photo-shoot with props often created by hand, and then rendering each artwork in my studio in San Diego, California