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SELECTED GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

- 2019
- Brownsville Museum of Fine Art, 47th Annual International Exhibition, Brownsville, Texas
 - La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Laluzapalooza XXXIII (33 Year Anniversary Group Show), Los Angeles, California
 - Poets Artists, Adorn Me
- 2018
- MASH Gallery, CoutoureMash, Los Angeles, California
 - Gabba Gallery, WishList 6, Los Angeles, California
 - Abend Gallery, 28th Annual Miniatures Show, Denver, Colorado
 - Ontario Museum of History & Art, Dia De Los Muertos: Remember Me, Ontario, California
 - SaveArtSpace & Otis College of Art & Design, 100% LA, billboard feature (1065 N Gower St), Los Angeles, California
 - Poets Artists & Zhou B Art Center, Anything But Painting the Figure
 - Soho House, Diversity Inks, London, England
 - Gallery 1988, Static Medium Show, Los Angeles, California
 - The Gabba Gallery, Remix: The Art of Music, Los Angeles, California
 - Jo Hay Open Studio & Poets Artists, Studio 54, Provincetown, Massachusetts
 - LA Artcore, 4th Annual LA Artcore Exhibit, Los Angeles, California
 - The Hive Gallery, Tiny Visions, Los Angeles, California
 - Avenue 50 Studio, Hear Our Voices! A Women-Centric Show, Los Angeles, California
 - Coagula Curatorial & Joseph Gross Gallery, Relish Vol. 2: Los Angeles Release Show, Los Angeles, California
 - Bomber South, C-12 "BK Love" limited release beer insulator
 - The Hive Gallery, 13 Year Anniversary Show, Los Angeles, California
 - The Montalban, We Choose Art | A Feminist Perspective 4.0, Los Angeles, California
 - La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Laluzapalooza XXXII (32 Year Anniversary Group Show), Los Angeles, California
 - Guisados West Hollywood, February-June feature artist, West Hollywood, California
 - Ontario Museum of History & Art, Diversity & Inclusion: The Influence of African American Art in Southern California, Ontario, California
 - CASA of Los Angeles, Wine+Art, Los Angeles, California
- 2017
- The Gabba Gallery, Wishlist 5, Los Angeles, California
 - Vans HQ, Homecoming, Costa Mesa, California
 - Playboy & Think Tank Gallery, Playboy's Hidden Arcade (90's Edition), Los Angeles, California
 - Artobotic, United Kingdom
 - Megaphone PHX & Cut + Paste PHX, LA DADA, Phoenix, Arizona
 - Artium-Miami Gallery, Satis House, Miami, Florida
 - The Hive Gallery, Feminine, Los Angeles, California
 - La Luz de Jesus Gallery, The 5th Annual Coaster Show, Los Angeles, California
 - Beautiful Pacoima, Project: ARTvertise, Pacoima, California
 - Vans & Think Tank Gallery, Drinkin' Smokin' & West Coastin' (A Group Love/Hate Letter to LA), Los Angeles, California
 - The Gabba Gallery, Cratedigger Vol. 2, Los Angeles, California
 - Pershing Square Downtown LA, July/August Feature Artist (Prince), Los Angeles, California
 - La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Summer Soirée 2017 (feature headliner), Los Angeles, California
 - Gallery 825, Los Angeles Art Association & the City of West Hollywood, Out There, Los Angeles, California

- La Luz de Jesus Gallery, In the Hallway 2017, Los Angeles, California
 - ChimMaya Art Gallery, *Luxe*, Los Angeles, California
 - The Hive Gallery, 12 Year Anniversary Show, Los Angeles, California
 - The Montalban, We Choose Art | A Feminist Perspective, Los Angeles, *California*
 - La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Laluzapalooza XXXI (31 Year Anniversary Group Show), Los Angeles, California
 - C.A.V.E. Gallery, Cannibal Flower Presents: It Was All A Dream, Venice, California
 - JDRF & Arena 1 Gallery, One Art: Artists for a Cure, Santa Monica, California
 - Apero Gallery, Human Beings, Fullerton, California
 - The Hive Gallery, Hive Tarot 8, Los Angeles, California
 - The Gabba Gallery, Salon Room, Los Angeles, California
 - Los Angeles Art Association, resident artist
- 2016
- Natural Cannabis Company, Spectrum Miami, Art Basel 2016
 - The Gabba Gallery, Wishlist 4.5, Los Angeles, California
 - Art X @ Art Exchange, Holiday Salon, Long Beach, California
 - Launch!Gallery, Vanity Pop, Culver City, California (curator)
 - California Community Foundation (CCF) & Grand Park LA, We Are Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California
 - The Gabba Gallery, Wishlist 4, Los Angeles, California
 - ChimMaya Art Gallery, 11th Anniversary Exhibition, Los Angeles, California
 - Adidas Originals, #AdidasLAExperience, Los Angeles, California
 - The Gabba Gallery, Salon Room, Los Angeles, California
 - La Luz de Jesus Gallery, The 4th Annual Coaster Show, Los Angeles, California
 - The Gabba Gallery, Cratedigger: The Lost Art of Album Cover Art, Los Angeles, California
 - Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, *Play 2016*, Los Angeles, California
 - Outside Lands Music & Arts Festival, Global Inheritance Presents: Rain Supreme 2016, San Francisco, California
 - CA101 2016 @* South Bay Galleria, Redondo Beach, California
 - Spitz Little Tokyo, *Vanity Pop 1 Year Anniversary*, Los Angeles, California (curator)
 - ChimMaya Art Gallery, *A Retrospective of Gender: Female/Male Portraits, Nudes & Pinups*, Los Angeles, California
 - Studio 106 LA, *As Seen on TV*, Santa Monica, California
 - Grand Park LA, *Jardin DeLArte Art Fair*, Los Angeles, California
 - Brea Gallery, *MADe in California*, Brea, California
 - The Stagecoach Festival, Global Inheritance Presents: Rain Supreme 2016, Indio, California
 - University of California, Santa Barbara, *Global Inheritance Presents: Rain Supreme 2016*, Santa Barbara, California
 - Angel City Brewery, *Global Inheritance Presents: Rain Supreme 2016*, Los Angeles, California
 - Spitz Little Tokyo, *Vanity Pop*, Los Angeles, California (curator)
 - La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Laluzapalooza XXX (30 Year Anniversary Group Show), Los Angeles, California
 - Beyond Wonderland Southern California, *Global Inheritance Presents: Rain Supreme 2016*, San Bernardino, California
 - Kevin Hart Oscars Party, Global Inheritance Presents: Rain Supreme 2016, Los Angeles, California
 - Gallery 38, *Swaggerless Pop-up Art Show*, Los Angeles, California
 - Air + Style LA, Global Inheritance Presents: Rain Supreme 2016, Los Angeles, California
 - Spitz Studio City, *Vanity Pop*, Los Angeles, California (curator)
 - The Container Yard DTLA, Global Inheritance Presents: Rain Supreme 2016, Los Angeles, California
 - Baton Rouge Gallery & Juxtapoz Magazine, *Surreal Salon 8*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 - Santa Clarita City Hall, *A Foot in the Door: Abstract Art and Meaning*, Santa Clarita, California
 - The Art Church & Cannibal Flower, *Cannibal Flower 15yr Anniversary Show*, Los Angeles, California
 - The Gabba Gallery, *Metro Dreams*, Los Angeles, California (solo exhibition)
 - The Hive Gallery, Resident artist, Los Angeles, California
- 2015
- The Gabba Gallery, *Wishlist 3.0*, Los Angeles, California
 - Art San Diego 2015, San Diego Mesa College & San Diego Art Institute, *A Moveable Feast*, San Diego, California

- UCLA, The Exchange Room Gallery & Cannibal Flower, *Connecting the Pieces*, Los Angeles, California
- Oak Los Angeles & City of West Hollywood, Solo Billboard Exhibition – October, Los Angeles, California
- The Photo Village, *The Hive Exhibition*, New York, New York
- Spacedust, 1 year Anniversary Group Show, Echo Park, California
- 19th Anniversary 2pac Art Exhibition, the Estate of Tupac Shakur
- Spitz Los Feliz, Vanity Pop, Los Angeles, California (curator)
- Tag Gallery, California Open 2015, Santa Monica, California
- Adidas, Pharrell Williams Superstar Supershell Release Event, Los Angeles, California
- CA101 2015 @ AES Power Plant, Redondo Beach, California
- Gibson Santa Monica Pop-up Gallery & Cannibal Flower, Art Life, Los Angeles, California
- Spitz Little Tokyo, Vanity Pop, Los Angeles, California (curator)

- Cannibal Flower (6/28) feature artist, Garage Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- UCLA, The Exchange Room Gallery, *A Beautiful Lie*, Los Angeles, California (solo exhibition)
- Spitz, Vanity Pop, Los Angeles, California (solo exhibition)
- The Gabba Gallery, Zodiac, Los Angeles, California
- Exact Science Gallery & Cannibal Flower, *At The Time, In This City*, Los Angeles, California
- ROAM Creative & Cannibal Flower, *Prime Cuts*, Topanga, California
- Cannibal Flower, March show, curated by LC Croskey, Los Angeles, California
- Gallery 38, curated by Erez Safar, Culver City, California
- Blackstone Gallery, curated by Steven Higgins, Los Angeles, California
- Exact Science Gallery, *The Black History Show*, curated by Adam Rebellion, Los Angeles, California
- The Hive Gallery, Residency, curated by Nathan Cartwright, Los Angeles, California
- NWO Art Gallery, curated by Curtis Simmons, Los Angeles, California

- 2014 -11:11 ACC Gallery, *The 8x8 Show*, curated by Erin Stone, Tarzana, California
- South Bay Contemporary, *Fresh 2014*, curated by Mat Gleason, Palos Verdes, California
- Coagula Curatorial, *Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series Semifinalist*, curated by Bombay Sapphire & Rush Philanthropic Arts Foundation, Los Angeles, California
- Think Tank Gallery, curated by Saia Brown, Los Angeles, California
- Venice Arts, *Artrasher*, curated by Hollie McLaughlin. Venice, California
- Studio 1230, *Summer Singe*, curated by James Landers, Los Angeles, California
- Art Share LA, *Read My Lips*, curated by Madison Girifalco, Los Angeles, California

- 2013 -Santa Clarita City Hall, *Shadows*, curated by Jeff Barber, Santa Clarita, California
- Boshin Gallery, *Figurine Dreams*, curated by Cleo Antonelli, Los Angeles, California
- Dysonna City Art Gallery, *Capturing the Moment*, curated by Donna Dyson, Los Angeles, California
- Noho Performing Arts Center, curated by Operation UNITE, Los Angeles, California

- 2012 -Emerging Art Scene Gallery, *Art OD*, curated by Denise Jackson, Atlanta, Georgia
- Stay Gallery, curated by Gabriel Enamorado, Downey, California
- Norbertellen Gallery, *Spectrum*, curated by Erik Jerumanis, Los Angeles, California
- Noho Gallery LA, *Black History Month*, curated by Daniel DeBevoise, Los Angeles, California

GRANT AWARDS

- 2016 -California Community Foundation (CCF) & Grand Park LA, *We Are Los Angeles*, Los Angeles, California

SELECTED REVIEWS & PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 -Basic Magazine
[-Poets Artists, Adorn Me](#)
[-Supersonic Art](#)
- 2018 -Art and Cake, Art Sounds a Rallying Cry at Remix: The Art of Music
-Jaamzin Creative Magazine, Visual Artist Vakseen
-Red Milk Magazine, Rework by Vakseen
-LA Weekly, 16 Best Things to do in LA this week
-Imirage Magazine, August Issue 253, (cover art)
-BOOOOOOOM, Vakseen: Vanity Pop Paintings
-Boshemia Magazine, Issue 3 – Bodies (cover art)
[-Gertrude Press, Issue 26 \(cover art\)](#)
- 2017 -COUNTER CLOCK, Autumn 2017 (cover art)
[-POP ELLAY, Change of Heart, Change of Art](#)
-EAT SLEEP DRAW, Sept 11, 2017
-EAT SLEEP DRAW, Sept. 1, 2017
-THE CURIOUS ELEMENT, Vakseen: In conversation with an LA-based artist and music executive
-THE CURIOUS ELEMENT, August 2017 (cover art & feature interview)
-ART AND CAKE, Cratedigger Vol. 2 at Gabba Gallery – An Homage to the Album Cover
-DESIGN FAVES, Vakseen’s hyperrealistic, gallant “Vanity Pop” portraits
-BLNC MAGAZINE, Metro Dreams, Issue 7 “The New Hype”
-POP ELLAY, Vakseen & your layers of complexity
-KOLAJ MAGAZINE, Vakseen & Sean Stepanoff, July 13, 2017
-SUPERSONIC ART, July 7, 2017
-HI FRUCTOSE MAGAZINE, July 2017 issue
-THE LOST SPARROW, June 2017
-WATCHING THE THRONE, Vakseen, First Look: Mood Kanye
-FAHRENHEIT MAGAZINE, Vakseen and the art that celebrates the creation of women
-HI FRUCTOSE MAGAZINE, Laluzapalooza 2017 Brings Work from 64 Artists to Space
-CARTWHEEL ART, Laluzapalooza 2017 at La Luz de Jesus – March 3rd
-CULTURE HOG, Collage Painting and Photorealism Need Flesh and Blood
-GESTALTEN, February, 15, 2017
-ART MUZEO MAGAZINE, Issue 1
-ILLUSION SCENE 360, January, 19, 2017
- 2016 -EMPTY SINK PUBLISHING, Artist Interview: Vakseen -EAT SLEEP DRAW, December 21, 2016
-EAT SLEEP DRAW, December 13, 2016
-EAT SLEEP DRAW, December 14, 2016
-LAIST, *Weekend Planner: 20 Cool Things To Do In Los Angeles*, December 8, 2016
-DIVERSIONS LA, Cratedigger: The Lost Art of Album Cover Art, August 29, 2016
-SUPERSONIC ART, August 9, 2016
-INDIE SOLEIL MAGAZINE, Abstract Edition, August 2016
-POMONA VALLEY REVIEW, Issue 10, Summer 2016, California State Polytechnic University -
BUNBURY MAGAZINE, Issue 13 (cover art)
-ART QA, Pop Surrealist Vakseen, Summer 2016, Issue 5 (cover art)
-MOD Magazine, Vakseen: Vanity Pop, Volume 5, Issue 2
-LOS ANGELES STREET ART GALLERY, Meeting with Vakseen, May 19, 2016
-KALTBLUT MAGAZINE, Focus On: Vakseen April 30, 2016
-THE EXPERIENCE MAGAZINE, Rebirth of a Nation, April 2016
-VULKAN MAGAZINE, Illustrious Ratchet, April 12, 2016
-SAATCHI ART, New Portraiture, April 11, 2016
-EMBOSS MAGAZINE, April 3, 2016
-JUXTAPOZ MAGAZINE, March 21, 2016

- CREATIV MAGAZINE, March 2016
- SAATCHI ART, New Contemporary Surrealist Works
- SAATCHI ART, Chinese New Year Collection 2016
- EAT SLEEP DRAW, January 24, 2016
- DIVERSIONS LA (Gabba Gallery's "Metro Dreams" review), January 18, 2016
- TRIV MAGAZINE, January 18, 2016
- KOLAJ MAGAZINE, January 6, 2016

- 2015 -IN PARENTHESSES MAGAZINE, Fall 2015 (cover art) -EAT SLEEP DRAW, September 22, 2015
- COMPLEX MAGAZINE, September 14, 2015
- PIGEONS & PLANES, September 14, 2015
- VIBE MAGAZINE, September 13, 2015
- PROFESSIONAL ARTIST MAGAZINE, October/November 2015
- STYLABL, August 19, 2015 -JUXTAPOZ MAGAZINE, July 8, 2015
- IN PARENTHESSES MAGAZINE, June 29, 2015
- YAY LA MAGAZINE, June 9, 2015
- LOS ANGELES FIRM INC MAGAZINE, May/June 2015
- EAT SLEEP DRAW, May 27, 2015
- THE ALCHEMIST MAGAZINE, Art Issue, May 2015
- TREE OF CREATIVITY
- THE EXPERIENCE MAGAZINE, Spring 2015
- THE HELIX MAGAZINE, Spring 2015, Central Connecticut State University -MANGO POPSICLE
- GRUNGE N ART MAGAZINE
- TU RECEPCJA
- NOBOX MAGAZINE, April 23, 2015
- NAKID MAGAZINE, April 22, 2015
- NW CREATIVE ARTS MAGAZINE, Vol 1, Issue 8, April 2015
- JUNNNK TANK! WEBZINE
- SUPERSONIC ART, April 2, 2015
- HIGH TIMES, March 23, 2015
- CREATIVE SUGAR MAGAZINE, March 2015
- YUME MAGAZINE, Issue 8, February 2015
- ALL PEN EVERYTHING, February 12, 2015
- CAHOODALOODALING, Travelogue Issue #15
- CONTEMPORARY BLACKNESS, January 15, 2015
- BLUE MONDAY REVIEW, January 2015, Issue 4
- BE WISE MAGAZINE, Issue 11

- 2014 -EAT SLEEP DRAW, December 9, 2014
- EAT SLEEP DRAW, December 10, 2014
- ARSENIC MAGAZINE, November 17, 2014
- EMPTY MIRROR, November 7, 2014, Bellingham, Washington
- YUME MAGAZINE, October 22, 2014,
- SWAGGERLESS, October 6, 2014
- THE YOUTH, September 19, 2014
- GIZMAG, July 2014, Diepenbeek, Belgium.
- BOMBAY SAAPHIRE GIN, July 2014, Artisan Series Featured Artist, "Eyes Wide"
- FORTH MAGAZINE, June 2014, Los Angeles, California
- HOT METAL BRIDGE, Summer 2014, University of Pittsburgh
- IRIS BROWN LIT MAG, Issue 1
- TUPELO QUARTERLY, Issue 3
- THE MIDDLE GRAY, April 2014, Interview
- MOUTHY MAG, March 2013, Interview

- 2013 -SNAX MAGAZINE, Fall/Winter 2013
- GRAVEL MAG, November 2013, University of Arkansas at Monticello
- SLIVER OF STONE MAGAZINE, October 2013, Issue 7
- STORM CELLAR QUARTERLY, Issue 3.1, Champaign, Illinois

- CIGALE LITERARY, Spring 2013
 - GLASSWORKS, Spring 2013, Issue 6, Rowan University.
 - NICHE LITERARY MAGAZINE, May 2013, Issue 3
 - THE ADIRONDACK REVIEW, Summer 2013
 - VINE LEAVES LITERARY JOURNAL, April 2013, Issue 6, Australia.
 - ENDEE MAGAZINE, April 2013, Atlanta, Georgia.
 - MEAT FOR TEA, April 2013, Vol 7, Issue 1, Northhampton, Massachusetts
 - FOLIATE OAK LITERARY MAGAZINE, March 2013, University of Arkansas at Monticello.
 - SPITTOON MAGAZINE, February 2013
 - THE FAT CITY REVIEW, February 2013, Boulder, Colorado
 - WILDE MAGAZINE, Winter 2012, Issue 1, Denver, Colorado
- 2012
- BRICKrhetoric, December 2012, Issue 10, Chicago, Illinois
 - S/TICK, December 2012, Issue 2, Alberta, Canada
 - LUNCH TICKET, December 2012, Issue 1, Antioch University
 - PARADISE REVIEW, November 2012, Issue 2, Honolulu, Hawaii
 - CATAPULT ART MAGAZINE, October 2012, Vol. 14, Louisville, Kentucky
 - CHAMBER FOUR LITERARY MAGAZINE, Fall 2012, Cambridge, Massachusetts
 - ARTNOIS MAGAZINE, October 2012, Interview, Los Angeles, California
 - CACTUS HEART PRESS, Fall 2012,
 - BARELY SOUTH REVIEW, Fall 2012, Old Dominion University
 - PENDULINE PRESS MAGAZINE, Issue 6, August 2012, Portland, Oregon
 - SNAX MAGAZINE, August 2012, Interview
 - KTLA 5, February 2012, Noho Gallery LA, Black History Month, by Chris Schauble