

Jeff Gillette

Artist Statement

I travel to the most wretched places on earth for inspiration for my art: to third-world slums. From as recently as the spring of 2012 when I had a guide take me through the tiny, dark alleyways of Dharavi in Mumbai, India, all the way back to the late 1980's when as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal, I visited all of India's large cities and their megaslums. Besides India, I've ventured into favelas, barrios, bastis and shantytowns, experiencing urban blight in North Africa, Southeast Asia, Central and South America, Mexico and Bangladesh. Aside from the seething humanity, the suffering, the unfairness and cruelty of the slum is a strange beauty. The cacophony of filthy debris rising from oceans of garbage comprises an architecture of depravation and necessity. What emerges is a living environment of aesthetic wonder, spectacular visuals of space, color, form, and texture. These images, I re-create in the all too-realism of my "slumscape" artwork, in drawings, paintings, sculptures and installations.

Jeff Gillette Resume

Solo Exhibitions

2013

Slum Landfills, Copro Gallery Santa Monica, CA
Gallery 1988 Venice, CA

2012

Slumscapes, Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago IL

2011

Cartoon Paintings, James Gray Gallery, Santa Monica CA

2010

Slums: Paintings and Drawings, Jeff Gillette, Bert Green Fine Art, Los Angeles CA
Dismayland, Copro Gallery, Santa Monica CA

2008

Jeff Gillette, Fallout Gallery, Las Vegas NV
Desert Interventions, Bert Green Fine Art, Los Angeles CA
Blight, CoproNason Gallery, Santa Monica CA

2006

Funny Stuff at The Grand Central Art Center, Santa Ana CA Oct 2006
New Slumscapes, Bert Green Fine Art, Los Angeles CA

2004

Alas Vegas / Art Hysterical, DiRT Gallery, West Hollywood CA

2003

Slums, Copro/Nason Gallery, Culver City CA

2000

Slumscapes / Blasphemy Blowout, DiRT Gallery, West Hollywood CA

1999

An Organic Necessity (Black Light Atom Bomb Paintings), The Caged Chameleon Gallery, Santa Ana CA

1997

I've Accepted Jesus Christ as My Personal Savior - But I Still Feel Crappy, Broadway Gallery, Santa Ana CA

Selected Group Exhibitions

2016

LA Art Show, Gregorio Escalante Gallery Los Angeles, CA
LA Art Show Works on Paper Fair, Bert Green Fine Art Chicago, IL
"Collages" Bert Green Fine Art Chicago, IL

2015

Banksy's Dismaland at Weston Super Mare, UK
Scope Art Fair with Copro Gallery Miami, FL
Portal to the Future at Gregorio Escalante Gallery Los Angeles, CA

2014

"12 x 12 x 12", White Walls Gallery San Francisco, CA
"Coaster Show", LaLuz de Jesus Gallery Hollywood, CA
"10 x 10", White Walls Gallery San Francisco, CA
"Artists 2013", Art Cube Laguna Beach, CA

2012

Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago IL
No Joke, Coagula Curatorial, Chinatown, Los Angeles

Juxtapoz 15th Anniversary, CoproNason Gallery, Santa Monica CA
Colors 2012, Artland, Mumbai, India

2010

Atrophic Reality at Show and Tell Gallery, Toronto Canada
Art Shack at The Laguna Art Museum
100 Artists See Satan (again) at Grand Central Art Center, Santa Ana CA

2008

The Good Samaritan Show CoproNason Gallery, Santa Monica CA
Couples Santa Ana College Gallery, Santa Ana CA
Alumni Painters California State University, Fullerton
High Fructose Magazine Show CoproNason Gallery, Santa Monica CA
Post Petroleum Show Reno University Gallery, NV
The Juxtapoz School Laguna Art Museum
American Lifescapes DBA 256 Gallery, Pomona CA

2007

Copro/Nason Gallery 15th Anniversary

2006

Banksy (Guerilla participant), Los Angeles CA
Suburban Escape, The San Jose Museum of Art
Canvas?, Jack Flynn Gallery, Costa Mesa CA

2004

The OsCene at The Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach CA
100 Artists See Satan at Grand Central Art Center, Santa Ana CA
Uncharted Terrain at SOKA University of America, Aliso Viejo CA

2002

Juxtapoz Show at Track 16 Gallery, Santa Monica CA 2002

2001

Patricia Correria Gallery, Santa Monica CA

1999

Patricia Correria Gallery, Santa Monica CA
Pleiades Gallery,(curated by Donald Kuspit) New York NY

Publications

“Slumscapes,” Favelissues, May 9, 2012
“The Juxtapoz School” for the Laguna Art Museum, 2008
High Fructose Magazine October 2008
“Jeff Gillette & Valerie Jacobs at Bert Green Fine Art” by Ray Zone, Artscene, Los Angeles, May 2008
“Two Three-Fers” by Peter Frank, The LA Weekly 2008
“Most Art Sucks: Five Years of Coagula” 1998 Smart Art Press
Copro/Nason Fine Art: A Catalogue Raisonne’ ed: Cushner, Fox and Katz, 2007
“Suburban Escape: The Art of California Sprawl by Ann Wolfe: Center for American Places” and the San Jose Museum of Art, 2006
“Celebrating O.C.’s Own Scene” by Richard Chang, The Orange County Register, Nov. 7, 2004
“100 Artists See Satan” Grand Central Art Center / Last Gasp Press, Santa Ana CA 2004
“Slums: Jeff Gillette” by David Scarborough in NY Arts Sep/Oct 2003, www.nyartsmagazine.com
“Squalor Holiday” by Jeff Gillette in Juxtapoz Sep/Oct 2002
“Bleak Chic” in Black and White (Australia) summer 2002
“Slumlord” by Annie Tucker in Juxtapoz Jun/Jul 2000

Collections

Banksy

Joanna Cassidy
Matt deBord
Jan Dudley
Greg Escalante
Llyn Foulkes
Anne Hawkins
Science Holiday
Roberta Maccani
Greg Miller
Donna Nguyen
Mark Rattin
Orly Ravid
Rick Robinson
Pamela Rouse
Wayne Thiebaud
Howard Tullman
Henry Winkler