

## Kiel Johnson

Born 1975, Kansas City, MO  
Lives and works in Los Angeles, CA

### Education

2000 MFA, Drawing & Painting, California State University Long Beach, CA  
1998 BFA, Sculpture & Drawing, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

### Solo Exhibitions

2014 *Walldayallday*, Mark Moore Gallery, Culver City, CA  
2011 *One Thing Leads to Another*, Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA  
2010 *New Work*, Davidson Contemporary, New York, NY  
2009 *Publish or Perish*, Mark Moore Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
2008 *New Work*, Mark Moore Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
*The Awesomist Tomorrow*, Nancy Margolis Gallery, New York, NY  
*The Awesomist Tomorrow*, POVevolving Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
2007 *Friction Ain't Fiction*, Irvine Art Center, Irvine, CA  
2006 *LO-FI*, Raid Projects, Los Angeles, CA  
2005 *Sub-Subscribed*, Art Front Space, Hollywood, CA  
*Views From Above*, Louisiana Tech University, Main Gallery, Ruston, CA  
2004 *Hothouse Exotica*, Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, CA  
*New Drawings*, Creative Artist Agency, Beverly Hills, CA  
*These Are A Few of Our Favorite Things*, Veinto y Agua Gallery, Long Beach, CA  
2003 *Kiel Johnson – Large Scale Works on Panel*, Max L. Gatov Galley, California State University, Long Beach, Long Beach, CA  
*Kiel Johnson – Drawings on Paper*, Art Concepts, Santa Monica, CA  
2001 *Kiel Johnson - New Drawings*, Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO

### Selected Group Exhibitions

2015 *Artists on Edge*, Cypress College Art Gallery, Cypress, CA  
*6H to 8B* Fellows of Contemporary Art Curators Lab, Los Angeles, CA  
2014 *ArtWatch 2014: Young Careers - SB to Greater LA*, Westmont Ridley-Tree Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, Ca  
*Draft Punk*, Autonomie Projects, Los Angeles, CA  
*Elevated Corrugated*, Museum of Craft and Design, San Francisco, CA  
2013 *New Works*, Summer Camp, El Sereno, CA  
2012 *Obscured Lines – Contemporary Drawing in Los Angeles*, Valley College Art Gallery, Valley Glen, CA, featuring Kiel Johnson, Joe Biel, Jennifer Celio, Margaret Griffith, Timothy Nolan, Elizabeth Saveri, Sergio Teran, Hataya Tubtim and Alexandra Wiesenfeld  
2011 *Kiel Johnson, Cordy Ryman: Construct*, Mark Moore Gallery, Culver City, CA  
*New Image Sculpture*, The McNay, San Antonio, TX  
2009 *Drawing Itself: A Survey of Contemporary Practice*, Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, Brattleboro, VT  
2008 *This End Up: The Art of Cardboard*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA  
*Systems Theory*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA  
*Narrations*, Nancy Margolis Gallery, New York, NY  
*Ground Us*, Huntington Beach Art Center, Huntington Beach, CA  
2007 *Atmospheric Conditions*, Architecture and Design Museum, Los Angeles, CA

- True Métier: Call For Entries '06-'07*, Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2006 *Drawings*, Gallery C, Hermosa Beach, CA  
*Art LA*, Special Installation, Raid Projects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2005 *Nice to Meet You*, Mark Moore Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
*Fresh*, MOCA Geffen Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA  
*Genesis*, San Louis Obispo Art Center, San Louis Obispo, CA  
*Poison In The Pilaf*, Equator Gallery, Venice, CA
- 2004 *New Drawings*, Fluid Design, Santa Monica, CA  
*OooOlathe!*, A Collaborative Society, with Travis Millard, 1269 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Reunited*, with Mark Cowardin, Art & Design Gallery, University of Kansas, KS  
*This is What You Want*, Bettcher Gallery, Miami, FL  
*NINE*, Gallery C, Hermosa Beach, CA
- 2003 *Open*, curator Karin Higa, Gallery 825, Beverly Hills, CA  
*Dog Days Group Show*, curator Chris Miles, Achuna-Hansen, Los Angeles, CA
- 2002 *Kiel Johnson – New Drawings*, V.A. Gallery, Long Beach, CA  
*Strange Comfort, Midwest Myth*, curated with Marcus Cain, Gatov Gallery West, Long Beach, CA  
*The Summer Show*, Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO  
*Embroidered Void*, California State University, Long Beach, CA
- 2001 *Fantasy Caboose*, California State University, Long Beach, CA  
*Father Kvapils Children*, curator Matt Gleason, Eye-Five Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Insights- 2001*, University Art Museum, Long Beach, CA  
*Annual Juried Exhibition*, curator Kim Abeles, Second City Ocean Center Gallery, Long Beach, CA  
*Odyssey: Adventures in Artistic Expression*, California State University, Long Beach, CA
- 2000 *Summer Show*, Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO
- 1999 Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO
- 1997 *Second Annual Plains States Exhibition*, Norman R. Eppink Art Gallery, Emporia, KS  
*Kiel Johnson, Drawings and Sculpture*, Student Union Gallery, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS  
*Blue Fish Invitational*, Lawrence, KS  
*Kansas City Artist Coalition Second Annual Drawing Show*, Kansas City, MO
- 1995 *Barn Show*, Lawrence, KS  
*Scholarship Show*, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

### **Projects and Lectures**

- 2014 *Sweet Fleet*, University of Wisconsin Madison, ArtistNOW! Visiting Artist
- 2013 Memphis Art Institute  
 Contemporary LA Architecture public workshop/project, Getty Center  
*The Crowd Surced Sentence Lab*, AdobeMax Creative Conference  
*Everyone's an Architect*, Heritage Museum and Gardens
- 2012 CSULB Visiting Artist Lecture  
 TEDx Christchurch

### **Public Collections**

- Creative Artist Agency, Beverly Hills (CA)  
 Tubert International, Los Angeles (CA)  
 Sprint World Headquarters, Kansas City (MO)  
 Fudge Factory Comics, Los Angeles (CA)

Todd Oldham, New York (NY)

### **Awards/Honors**

Pollock-Krazner Grant, 2008  
Durfee Foundation ARC Grant, 2007  
CSULB Outstanding Creative Achievement Award, 2003  
Marilyn Werby Memorial Scholarship for the Arts, 2002  
Lockwood Scholarship, 1997  
Helen & Kevin Hoover Award, 1997  
Harry & Jesse Jacobs Prize, 1997  
Daniel Mac Morris award for Outstanding Work, 1997  
University of Kansas Scholarship for the Arts, 1996  
Richard Hollander Foundation Scholarship, 1996  
Richard Hollander Foundation Scholarship, 1995  
Kansas Basis Studies Scholarship, 1994  
Scholastic Art Portfolio Award, 1993  
Gannet Outdoor Environmental Billboard, Grand Prize, 1993

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- 2010 Mazzella, Alysia. "Kiel Johnson." *21-7 Magazine*, 2010.  
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Pappas, Jen. "Kiel Johnson's 8-bit Gary." *HiFructose Magazine*, July 7, 2010.  
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Koplos, Janet. "Kiel Johnson." *Art in America*, February 23, 2010.
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- Hackman, Kate. "Beyond the Rhetoric", *The Review*, Kansas City, October 2001
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