

Yung Jake (b. 2011, Internet)

Yung Jake was established on the internet in 2011 and received his BFA from California Institute of the Arts (Cal Arts) in 2012. He has had eleven solo exhibitions since 2014, including several shows at Steve Turner, Los Angeles, a project at ABC Berlin, and his previous solo shows with Tripoli Gallery, *Twisted Metal* and *Emoji Portraits*, which was featured in the New York Times. His artwork has been included in more than twenty group shows and showcased and sold in numerous art fairs including MiArt, Milan (2015), UNTITLED, Miami Beach (2016; 2017), Art Brussels, Belgium (2016), the Seattle Art Fair (2016), the Dallas Art Fair (2016), and Market Art + Design (2018). His work has been featured at venues including Sundance (2013), where his videos *Datamosh* (2011), and [E.m-bed.de/d](#) (2012) were screened, as well as performances in Los Angeles at the Hammer Museum (2013), REDCAT (2013), MOCA (2014), The Getty Center (2015), and in New York at the Museum of Modern Art (2016). In 2017, his solo booth with Steve Turner at Zona Maco Sur, Mexico City sold out. Also in 2017, Yung Jake was included in ARS17 at Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland, and in 2018 he exhibited in China at OCAT Shanghai with KADIST San Francisco. His first solo museum exhibition titled *cartoons* is on view at Guild Hall, East Hampton, NY from April 20 through May 27, 2019. Yung Jake lives and works in California.

Education

2012 BFA, CalArts, California Institute of the Arts, Santa Clarita, CA

Solo Exhibitions

2019 *cartoons*, Guild Hall, East Hampton, NY (April 20 – May 27)

2018 *Emoji Portraits*, Market Art + Design (with Tripoli Gallery), Bridgehampton, NY

2017 *Emoji Portraits*, Tripoli Gallery, Southampton, NY

Caution: Wet Floor, Steve Turner, Los Angeles, CA

TM6, Zona Maco Sur (with Steve Turner), Mexico City

2016 *V*, Imperial Arts (with Steve Turner), Los Angeles, CA

Hydration, Steve Turner, Los Angeles, CA

Dear DTLA, The Ace Hotel, Los Angeles, CA

2015 *Twisted Metal III*, Tripoli Gallery, East Hampton, NY

2014 *Furniture*, Sunday, Los Angeles, CA

Art Berlin Contemporary (with Steve Turner), Germany

New, Steve Turner, Los Angeles, CA

Drawings, Steve Turner, Los Angeles, CA

Group Exhibitions

2018 *On Struggling to Remain Present When You Want to Disappear*, OCAT Shanghai/KADIST San Francisco, CA

BioPix, Steve Turner, Los Angeles, CA

- 2017 *13th Annual Thanksgiving Collective: There is Still Good in This World*, Tripoli Gallery, Southampton, NY
- Untitled, Miami Beach (with Steve Turner), Miami, FL
- Love Isabela: A Puerto Rico Fundraiser*, Tripoli Gallery, Southampton, NY
- About Face*: curated by Scott Avett & David Kratz; Southampton Arts Center, Southampton, NY
- 21c Museum Hotel, Nashville, TN
- ARS17: *Hello World*; Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki, Finland
- 2016 *Datamosh*, 59th DOK Leipzig Festival, Leipzig, Germany
- #CULTURECOLLECTIVE, MAMA, Los Angeles, CA
- UNTITLED, Miami Beach (with Steve Turner), Miami, FL
- Art Brussels* (with Steve Turner), Belgium
- Dallas Art Fair* (with Steve Turner), Dallas, TX
- 2015 *The Real World*, Steve Turner, Los Angeles, CA
- Space Program*, Steve Turner, Los Angeles, CA
- 2014 *Unfollow*, MOCA, Los Angeles, CA
- UNTITLED, Miami Beach (with Steve Turner), Miami, FL
- 2013 *Datamosh*, Shorts Program at AFI fest (won Special Jury Mention), Los Angeles, CA
- E.m-bed.de/d*, New Frontier exhibit, Sundance Film Festival, Park City, UT
- Augmented Real*, New Frontier exhibit, Sundance Film Festival, Park City, UT
- Datamosh*, New Frontier Short Films, Sundance Film Festival, Park City, UT
- Water*, Tripoli Gallery, Southampton, NY
- 2012 *Workshop at New Frontier Story Lab*, Sundance Film Festival, Park City, UT
- Datamosh*, Off the Air, Adult Swim (Television broadcast)
- Datamosh*, Brucennial, New York, NY
- 2011 *Datamosh*, gli.tc/h screening, Chicago, IL and Amsterdam, Netherlands

Selected Performances

- 2016 Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
- It's Wet*, Steve Turner, Los Angeles, CA
- 2015 The Getty Center, Los Angeles, CA

SXSW, Austin, TX

2014 *Step and Repeat*, MOCA, Los Angeles, CA

2013 Art Basel, Miami, FL

TimeWarner Storytellers Summit, Laguna, CA

The Future of Story Telling Conference, Staten Island, NY

REDCAT, Los Angeles, CA

Augmented World Expo, Silicon Valley, CA

Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA

Awards

2015 Sundance Institute and Time Warner Fellowship Grant, Los Angeles, CA

Bibliography

2017 Endicott, Becca. "Yung Jake Creates Emoji Art of Celebrities Like Willow Smith and Gigi Hadid", Elle Decor, November 6

Trebay, Guy. "Digital Artist Yung Jake Scores With Emoji Portraits", The New York Times, July 26

"Nostalgic visions of pop culture + consumerism in Yung Jake's *Caution: Wet Floor* at Steve Turner",

AQNB, July 17

Landes, Jennifer. "Yung Jake: From the Screen to the Wall", The East Hampton Star, July 13

2016 Stutz, Colin. "Meet Yung Jake, the Artist Making Masterpieces Out of Emojis", W magazine, October 27

Williams, Maxwell. "In Yung Jake's Work, Opening Parties Double as Happenings—and Draw Thousands",

Artsy, March 4

Spiwak, Valeri. "Yung Jake Takes Over Downtown Billboard For 'Dear DTLA'", Amadeus Magazine,

February 2

Noice, E.D. "Paradoxical practice." AQNB, January 12

2015 Leight, Elias. "Yung Jake Dropped A Music Video On Snapchat And You Need Two Phones To Watch It

Because music videos are more fun with friends," The Fader, September 10

Grossman, Samantha. "These Incredibly Realistic Celebrity Portraits Were Made Entirely With Emoji,"

Time Photo, January 23

Mufson, Beckett. "Yung Jake Is Making Emoji Portraits of Celebrities," The Creators Project, January 14

- Munro, Cait. "New Media Artist Creates Celebrity Portraits With Emojis," Artnews.com, January 15
- 2014 "SFAQ Pick: UNTITLED. Miami," SFAQ, December 1
- Silver, Leigh. "10 Artists to Check Out at UNTITLED. Fair," Complex, December 4
- Gibson, Clay. "Strolling Through Downtown Mexico City with Artist and Social Media Start Yung Jake", i-D, Vice, November 3
- "Best Art Exhibitions This Month," Complex, August 6
- Lasane, Andrew. "Yung Jake Opens His "New" Solo Exhibition at Steve Turner Contemporary", Complex, July 14
- "SFAQ Pick: New, solo exhibition by Yung Jake at Steve Turner Contemporary, Los Angeles", SFAQ, July 13
- Munro, Cait. "Meet Yung Jake, Rapper and New Media Art Sensation", Artnet, May 28
- Cheng, Susan. "Computer Cursors Spazz Out in Yung Jake's Video Installation at Steve Turner Contemporary", Complex, May 5
- Frank, Priscilla. "Ten Rappers Who've Dipped Their Toes In the Art World's Water", The Huffington Post, March 28
- 2013 Williams, Maxwell. "Yung Jake," Flaunt, October 29
- Wright, James. "Augmented Reality," So It Goes Magazine, Issue 1, Volume 1
- Johnson, Paddy. "Yung Jake, Video Prankster and Meta-Rapper, Turns the Hustle into Art," SPIN, November 14
- Burnett III, Zaron. "Notes from the Avant-Garde: 5 Artists Pushing Today Into Tomorrow," Thought Catalog, April 17
- Lewis, Amanda. "Yung Jake, a Recent CalArts Grad, Could Be the Breakout Art Star of Sundance," LA Weekly, Jan 16
- 2012 Galperina, Marina. "11 Net Artists You Should Know," Flavorwire, September 4
- Moore, Jacob. "Video: Yung Jake E.m-bed.de/d," March 19