KENNY DARKPOET LAPINS

Painter and Curator

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ARTIST STATEMENT

I paint in a vivid, contemporary reimagining of Fauvism — using color to convey emotional truth rather than visual accuracy. Through modern subjects rendered in bold, non-naturalistic hues, I explore the geometry, rhythm, and hidden lyricism of everyday spaces. I want viewers to rediscover the art in the ordinary — the patterns, angles, and palettes all around us if we choose to see them.

"That blessed mood, in which the burthen of the mystery, in which the heavy and the weary weight of all this unintelligible world, is lightened."
— William Wordsworth

PERMANENT INSTALLATIONS

- *Chicago Colors* (three works), WorkBox Offices, Chicago, IL
- *A Place to Heal*, Center for Breakthrough Medicine Discovery Labs, King of Prussia, PA

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2026

- Prism Spaces, Chicago, IL — Installation of 20 paintings in co-working office space, all year
- Spectrum Chicago, Chicago, IL — Participation in group show for Twist Out Cancer, October
- Led painting classes, Chicago, IL — at "Hey, I Thought of You Chicago" and "Picnic Wine and Provisions," throughout the year

2025

- Royal Grocer Gallery, Chicago, IL — Solo exhibition *Color Commentary*, July
- The Hall at Bloc Avondale Dispensary, Chicago, IL — Group show, Aug–Dec
- Prism Spaces, Chicago, IL — Installation of 12 paintings in co-working office space, Oct–Jan
- R Public House, Chicago, IL — Solo exhibition (20+ paintings), Jan–Mar
- Movement on Montrose, Chicago, IL — Group show
- Aponte Art, Chicago, IL — Group show
- Anatomically Correct Art, Skokie, IL — Group show

2024

- Zhou B Art Center, Chicago, IL — Limitless Chicago group exhibition
- Saving Daylight Magazine — Artist interview and feature, Issue #4
- Vibrant Cast Gallery — Member artist; monthly themed exhibitions
- Upward Quarterly Magazine — Artist interview and feature, Spring
- Upward Gallery, Atlanta, GA — Colors of Life juried exhibition, Second Place
- Midwest Coast Brewing, Chicago, IL — Solo show (20+ paintings), Mar–Jun

2019–2023

- Fulton Street Collective, Chicago, IL — Member Artist & Guest Curator
  – Curated The Monochrome *Show* (2023)
  – Exhibited in monthly themed shows & two solo exhibitions
  – Participated in live painting events with jazz performances
  – Led a sold-out Paint & Sip night with 30 attendees

2021

- Open Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL — Online exhibition

2020

- Chimera Loft Gallery, Evanston, IL — Solo show

2018–2024

- Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest, Chicago, IL — Annual exhibiting artist

PUBLICATIONS & FEATURES

- *Suboart Magazine*, Issue #45, October 2025 — **Artist Feature**
- *Saving Daylight Magazine*, Issue #4 — **Artist Interview**
- *Upward Quarterly Magazine*, Spring 2024 — **Artist Feature**
- Upward Gallery, Atlanta, GA — Juried exhibition, *Colors of Life*, 2nd Place

AFFILIATIONS

- Former Member Artist — Vibrant Cast Gallery, Chicago
- Former Member & Curator — Fulton Street Collective, Chicago