



# KENNY DARKPOET LAPINS

Painter / 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

### 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