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Artwork By: Matthew Trujillo

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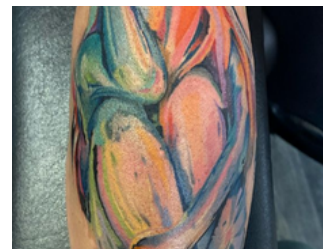
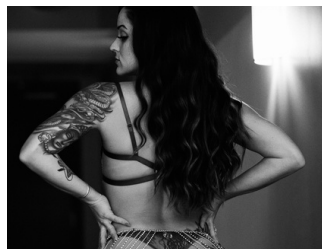
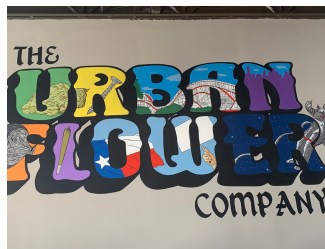
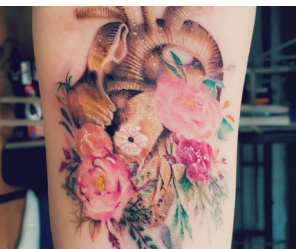
@cktattoo

We are always looking for talent to help rep the Texas Art Community. Last week we announced our newest additions: Galveston, TX Artist @cktattoo, and Dallas, TX Model @ynghunny.

We are lucky to have them on the team and look forward to showing them off at some conventions soon!

If you are interested in becoming part of the Fam, here's what we look for.

- We support those who support us! Use our @/# for social media features, and weekly chances to win features in the mag.
- Send us a formal submission... [Here's how](#).
- Be an awesome artist (any medium) that lives in, was born in, or has strong ties to TEXAS!



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WE ARE WORKING OUR BUTTS OFF TRYING TO GET BACK ON TRACK! THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY DONATED. IF YOU ARE ABLE, AND WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT A TEXAS PUBLICATION, PLEASE DONATE.

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THE URBAN FLOWER COMPANY

We attended an event! This may not sound like a huge deal to most, but when your small business has been shut down for a year, the first event is super special. We hope the future brings us many more! Thank you to [The Urban Flower Company](#) for having us out to celebrate with you.

Saturday, March 6th 2021

The Urban Flower Company located in Houston, TX celebrated 1 year of business. Even in the midst of a pandemic they have soared to success. The day was filled with vendors, food, and Delta 8 THC! That's right a fully licensed dispensary in the heart of Houston!!!

If you are looking for a professional dispensary to safely purchase legal THC, you should slide on over and check them out.

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See more of the day on the next page...



The Urban Flower Company

Boasting #1 Dispensary in Houston on their website, you would expect an experience that's close to perfection. Well... We can promise visiting the storefront located just south of downtown will not disappoint. Delta 8 THC is becoming more popular and the selection at The Urban Flower Company is plentiful. Familiar names such as "Wedding Cake", "Cherry Dreams", and "Grape Soda" fill their menu. If you are not into smoking, but still want to join in, the edibles are also plentiful. Competitive pricing, and a professional urban ambiance top off the experience. Everyone 21 & up welcome!

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Pop Soap

By: [@amberxlynno](#)

Pop Soap began their business venture based off inspiration from the cult classic film Fight Club. What began as a running joke between the sibling duo has turned into a successful vegan handmade body products

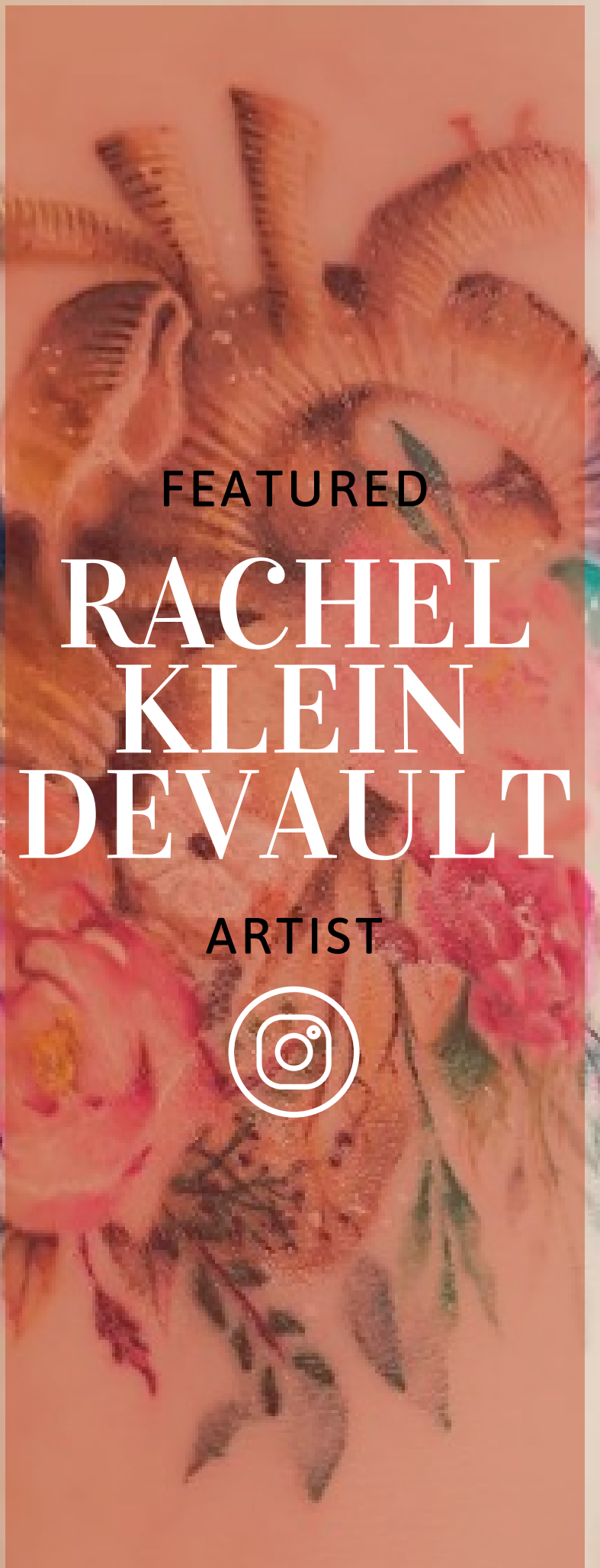
business. They jokingly would tell each other, "We should make some soap!", many times before finally trying it out. "Our first batch of soap was so terrible our own mother threw it out!", the owners stated. Fast forward three years later they now have an amazing line of products that have many iconic pop culture references, including their own "Hogwarts House" soap bars. The bar I tried out is called "The Bowie Bar", first attracting me with its vibrant colors and iconic name, then impressing me with its amazing fresh lemongrass and lime scent. The soap left my skin feeling smooth and refreshed. It's no wonder that this Houston-based company has been so successful over the years.



Highway Vodka

By: [@amberxlynno](#)

Highway Vodka is the first hemp-based vodka to appear in the state of Texas. They began perfecting their formula around eight years ago, taking about three and a half years to get their manufacturing license, and have now been on the market for a year and a half. This vodka is gluten free, all natural, and crafted right here in Houston, Texas. It is distilled six times, making it so amazingly smooth to drink that you will not even need a mixer. The unique strain of hemp and locally sourced corn react to convert the sugars into alcohol (they even use all the products from the fermenter in the still). A 750 ml 80-proof bottle that is 40 percent alcohol by volume sells for an affordable \$25. While they cannot give away too many secrets about their special formula—the hemp seems to be the magic ingredient that makes this vodka stand out from the rest.



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ARTIST





MATTHEW TRUJILLO

New Mexico native turned Texas resident and Austin artist, Matthew Trujillo, is making a name for himself at the states capital. The up and comer has been a Texan for the last six years and has steadily been expanding on his skill-set, networking, and paving the foundation of his now full-time art career.

Trujillo has been dabbling with different forms of art his entire life, but began refining and focusing his skills a little over ten years ago. Since then he has spend countless hours on multiple styles of art from sketches, painting, photography, videography, and even music, in efforts to feed his artistic spirit and avoid a plateau. Trujillo made his start in Austin as an artist when he

found himself browsing the art section on Craigslist, and found an add posted by Pancakes and Booze Art Show, this would be Trujillo's first ever art show and his introduction into his new art career.

In the last few years Trujillo has successfully managed to become a signed artist with West Chelsea Contemporary in February 2021, he has designed murals for San Antonio at the Essex Modern City Outdoor Mural Gallery in May 2019, been a featured artist with the Austin Hope Campaign, donated his time and art to window covers for local Austin businesses, down on 6th street, during the shelter in place orders in April 2020, and has had several successful solo art galleries throughout Austin, Tx.

The artist has definitely become a household name within the art community of Austin; and although he may not have a very large social media following, he does have a very strong online presence. Trujillo has credited his successful solo shows to the dedicated fan base he has curated, and the overwhelming support they have demonstrated for him and his art. It's not a Mattru22 show without a complete sell out and great ambience. Trujillo appears to have a very loyal and active following ensuring his work is constantly being promoted, and he has a small enough following that he is still able to create genuine connections with of his supporters. Trujillo stated that he makes the effort to network with each individual that attends his shows,

check out more on the next page

Trujillo is very skilled at capturing facial expressions and emotions then projecting that onto a canvas. His artwork is captivating and the style is easily identified.

A Matthew Trujillo piece can be quickly picked from a lineup. His style was originally driven strictly by design and the aesthetic it could bring to the environment; however, he has since then developed the style more focused on storytelling as a whole. He is focused on creating a meaning and significance to each piece, as well as being able to create art that can effectively get the meaning across to the viewer. The designs have developed overtime and are now multi medium design that incorporate both acrylic painting as well as spray paint

Trujillo stated that the future of his brand will continue to develop and he hopes to work with a lot more mixed medias: projection mapping, 3D art, tech world, and instillation type artwork outside the canvas.

The Covid-19 Pandemic of 2020 affected everyone, and Trujillo was no exception.

As art galleries and venues all round closed for Texans safety, artists such as Trujillo were forced out of art shows, and had to rely on social media for their art presentations.

and tries his best to keep contact with anyone who mentions his work online.

Matthew has been planting seeds for several years, hoping to have as many opportunities as he can as an artist. Now

that he is a signed artist with West Chelsea Contemporary he is hoping to create a team to help him expand his brand both with marketing and production.

Currently Trujillo creates his solo shows from beginning to end; he not only designs the actual artwork, he

reaches out to vendors and venues, he does the placement of the art within the venue, he chooses the lighting for each art piece, he even works down to the minor detail such as décor, and creates the ambiance for his show.



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Trujillo credited Jeff Skele (IG: @JeffSkelArt) as art inspiration on a personal level & friend.

‘ He is a great artist who is constantly creating work.’
~ M. Trujillo

@EveryDayResearch as an inspiration for mural work.
‘ He has murals in different countries and he is a magician with a spray can. He’s also this incredibly humble man.’
~ M. Trujillo

Upcoming Shows:

Saturday: March 13, 2021
West Chelsea Contemporary
1009 W 6th St., Austin, Tx

[TICKETS](#)

Trujillo states he currently plans his shows 2-3 months in advance, and with a team on board he hopes to gain some additional planning time to properly assemble a perfectly curated show. Still he states he has not had very many negative experiences and tends to be very optimistic with his shows, so while he has not had a bad show, he hopes that his future shows can only become that much more impressive. The art speaks for itself as .

Trujillo stated that as someone who heavily relied on art shows to network in person and take the opportunity to communicate with people within the community.

Vanity: ‘ Once the quarantine ban is completely lifted and the pandemic is a thing of the past, where do you plan to take your art?’

Trujillo: “ Great question. I think the next place I would have to go is New York, which is arguably the worst place to be during the pandemic, but I know my art would fit in and be appreciated there.”

Trujillo is honored and excited to begin this new venture with West Chelsea Contemporary, and new art gallery in Austin, Tx. He credits the art gallery for showcasing huge names like Andy Warhol, Banksy, Bob Gruen, and more. He does have an upcoming show at the Gallery and is excited to have a pre-Covid experience where he can actually showcase his art and network with his audience. Trujillo seeks to continue creating art.

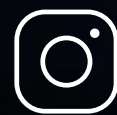


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