

About Vaughn Taormina

Vaughn Taormina (b. 1986) is a multidisciplinary artist who was raised in and around the west side of Detroit. He received a BFA from The Cooper Union in NYC and has a background in sculpture, skateboarding, rapping, painting and bespoke animation. Growing up in Detroit is a special and particular experience, one that can be both unique to the city and its specific qualities, and at the same time universal of urban life everywhere. In his most recent body of work called *FISHTAILIN* from his *STILL LIFE* collection, Vaughn Taormina presents thirteen paintings that are bold, graphic, and direct. The paintings act as dioramas and love letters to the city of Detroit. It's a celebration of the stories of childhood in the city, from playing with blocks to the constant flooding of the freeway every year, told the Detroit way — honestly and directly.

Taormina paints his compositions in a way that feels faithful to the city that raised him “From Worldstar HipHop to Cooper Union I’m out here touchin’ grass,” said the artist in a statement.

Exhibitions

All City, Brooklyn

Red Bull House of Art’s residency, Detroit

Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit

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