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## michael a rippens :: biography



Originally from South Pasadena, CA, Michael A Rippens graduated with a BFA in Painting from the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY and has exhibited his paintings, murals and installation work across the U.S. as well as internationally. Highlights include shows at New York's Artists Space , ZONE:Chelsea Center for the Arts and Cynthia Broan Gallery, L.A.'s Perhspace, the Fountain Art Fair in Miami and Life Bomb Gallery in Berlin, Germany.

While living in Brooklyn, Michael began the emerging artist collective, 4EmArt and was a member of the Open Ground Gallery in Williamsburg. He also worked for the non-profit, art education organization Studio in a School and organized numerous exhibitions promoting other emerging artists living and working in NYC. From 2004-2005, Michael created multi-media room installations as a founding member of the Brooklyn-based collaborative art team, D.e.M.O.

In 2005, Michael received a scholarship to attend the Vermont Studio Center and went on to become an artist in residence at the nomination-only Acadia Summer Art Program (ASAP) in Bar Harbor Maine. He moved back to the L.A. area soon thereafter where he joined the artist collective Art Studio C in Highland Park until 2006. Michael currently lives and works in downtown Los Angeles. ::