



DEANTE “DEECOR” HOWARD

VISUAL ARTIST | MURALIST | ACRYLIC
& DIGITAL PAINTER

ARTIST STATEMENT

I create art that embodies perseverance, ambition, and human connection. Drawing inspiration from athletes and dreamers, my work captures the relentless pursuit of greatness—whether in motion or in spirit. Through murals, canvases, and digital works, I bring vibrant storytelling to life, transforming spaces into sources of motivation and cultural pride. My mission is to inspire, uplift, and leave a lasting impact on communities, proving that art has the power to move, unite, and ignite purpose.

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ARTISTIC BACKGROUND

- Self-taught artist; dedicated to mastering drawing since 2003 following a life-changing surgery.
- Began painting in 2020, expanded into digital drawing in 2021, and transitioned to a full-time art business in 2022.

SELECTED PUBLIC ART & COMMISSIONS

- NFL Draft (2023) – Live-painted a canvas for Children's Mercy Charity.
- Corporate Mural Installation (2023) – Designed a digital artwork printed as a 40-ft wall mural.
- National Congress of Black Women Gala (2023) – Live painting at a fundraising gala.
- California Love Mural, Los Angeles (2024) – Large-scale public mural celebrating cultural heritage.
- Live and Let Smell Mural, Chicago (2024) – Interactive community mural.
- Let Kids Play Mural (2025) – Advocacy-focused mural promoting youth participation in sports.
- Kobe Bryant Tribute Mural (2025) – Public installation honoring an icon's legacy.

EXHIBITIONS

- Black Is Joy Exhibit (2024) – Featured Artist.
- New Renaissance Exhibit (2025) – Featured Artist.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- 2022 – Best in Show, Medellín, Colombia Art Competition.
- 2023 – Featured on The Tamron Hall Show as a standout artist to watch.
- 2024 – People's Choice: Best Visual Artist of the Year Award.
- 2025 – Named Top 10 Entrepreneur by MSN for art business success.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & IMPACT

- Full-time artist since 2022, with over 140 original works sold and 3,000+ prints collected globally.
- Panelist at three speaking engagements, mentoring aspiring artists on creative and business growth.
- Developing a virtual workshop to educate artists on the business side of art.

SKILLS & MEDIUMS

- Acrylic Painting | Digital Art | Large-Scale Murals | Live Painting
- Conceptualizing and executing artwork across multiple surfaces and scales.
- Digital mockups for efficient client collaboration, ensuring seamless execution of murals and commissions

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PHILANTHROPY

- Regular partner with Dads Against Crime, using art to inspire positive community change.
- Contributor to Shelter KC & Show Me You Care KC, supporting homeless outreach efforts.
- Fundraiser for global causes, including the World Wildlife Foundation and inner-city scholarships.