

Rick Griggs



Rick Griggs, born in Texas, is a painter, wood worker, and sculptor now working out of St. Louis, MO. Inspired by industrial fabrication and product design, his work breaks commercial utility into its simplest elements. With special attention to the curves of a vintage car or the gloss of automotive paint, Griggs investigates the choices that go into manufacturing luxury and celebrates the roles of individual parts before they are viewed as one cohesive mechanical system.

“As far as I can remember, my tendency is to transform raw materials into revised visual objects. The current usage of materials is conveying transformation. Utilizing my skills in woodworking and painting, the simple act of restructuring materials with the application of various media becomes the metamorphosis. The repetition of my actions creates a rhythm much like that of a factory and my time as a pastry chef; I’ve realized recently, this repetition is a sort of catharsis. My Influences are the factory and products of the industrial revolution; the constant repetition of actions represented in the factory/kitchen and all that we derive from nature and it’s repetitive processes...”

- Artist Statement

Education

- 1987 Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX
- 1983 Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX

Selected Exhibitions

- 2023 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
Baldocreative, Palm Springs, CA
- 2022 Baldocreative, Palm Springs, CA
- 2021 Angad Arts Hotel, St. Louis, MO
Baldocreative, Palm Springs, CA
- 2019 Guggenhome, Dallas, TX
- 2018 IXIA, Castro Art Walk, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 Guggenhome, Dallas, TX
Curated State, San Francisco, CA
- 2015 Meals on Wheels, San Francisco, CA
- 2012 Chase Miller Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2011 Bakehouse Art Complex, Miami, FL
- 2010 Cameron Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2008 Nest Home Gallery, Dallas, TX

Selected Collections

- Jonathon Adler Corporate Collection
- Brierley Investments
- Jasper’s Restaurants
- Brinkman International

