

Thinkspace Projects Presents *Jack Shure: Soul Sanitizer*



'Dirty Dog Rodeo' by Jack Shure

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Thinkspace Projects

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Los Angeles, CA (May 19, 2021) - Thinkspace Projects is thrilled to present Jack Shure's debut solo show with the gallery. This exhibition is coming on the heels of two very successful endeavors between Thinkspace and the Colorado artist. Having debuted his work during *'Aloha, Mr. Hand,'* the gallery's first show of 2021, and with work currently on display at *'Decade of POW! WOW!'* group exhibition at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, Hawaii, this solo show continues the momentum and the partnership perfectly.

'Soul Sanitizer' is a collection of work created to represent how Jack Shure views and digests the world around him. Made up of an amalgamation of styles and subjects, Shure creates an intentionally cryptic narrative of his own personal journey from childhood to parenthood. Using art as a tool for comprehension and processing, the act of creating work becomes his "soul sanitizer," the vehicle for healing and introspection.

"My work is a distilled reflection of the significant moments, lessons and inspirations of my life. Pulling imagery from both my childhood, currently and perhaps the future simultaneously. I want my

pictures to tell a story that is not an obvious one, but one that takes a moment of contemplation and discovery while pushing boundaries of ugliness and beauty. It invites the observer to recognize that one cannot exist without the other. To me beauty is a choice by way of transmutation thus, only existing through perception. Because of this my work is organic in a way that it is constantly evolving and transforming itself.”

Shure embraces the ambiguous in his work, inviting viewers to interpret the pieces as they will, emphasizing that no idea is incorrect. The subjective nature of his pieces is a large part of the appeal, pulling from his early influences of American subculture and aesthetic to create something much greater than the sum of its parts. *‘Soul Sanitizer’* is Shure’s West Coast solo debut, opening his work up to a new demographic and new interpretations.

‘Soul Sanitizer’ opens June 5, 2021. On view until June 26, 2021 at Thinkspace Projects.

About Jack Shure

Jack Shure is a Colorado-based artist who has dedicated his life and work to telling stories through his work, but not the obvious narratives. He creates pieces that inspire contemplation and interpretation, pushing the boundaries of ugliness and beauty. With shows including the *‘POW! WOW! Decade’* at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, Hawaii, *‘Bull in a China Shop’* at the Tchotchke Gallery in New York, and the Amsterdam Gallery Weekend Show in The Netherlands, Jack Shure is well on his way to taking his work to people all around the world.

About Thinkspace

Thinkspace was founded in 2005; now in LA’s thriving West Adams District, the gallery has garnered an international reputation as one of the most active and productive exponents of the New Contemporary Art Movement. Maintaining its founding commitment to the promotion and support of its artists, Thinkspace has steadily expanded its roster and diversified its projects, creating collaborative and institutional opportunities all over the world. Founded in the spirit of forging recognition for young, emerging, and lesser-known talents, the gallery is now home to artists from all over the world, ranging from the emerging, mid-career, and established.

Though the New Contemporary Art Movement has remained largely unacknowledged by the vetted institutions of the fine art world and its arbiters of ‘high culture,’ the future promises a shift. The Movement’s formative aversion to the establishment is also waning in the wake of its increased visibility, institutional presence, and widespread popularity. Thinkspace has sought to champion and promote the unique breadth of the Movement, creating new opportunities for the presentation of its artists and work. An active advocate for what is now one of the longest extant organized art movements in history, Thinkspace is an established voice for its continued growth and evolution, proving their commitment by expanding its projects beyond Los Angeles, exhibiting with partner galleries and organizations in Berlin, Hong Kong, London, New York City, Detroit, Chicago, and Honolulu among many others, participating in International Art Fairs, and curating New Contemporary content for Museums. Committed to the vision, risk, and exceptional gifts of its artists, the gallery is first and foremost a family. From the streets to the museums, and from the “margins” to the white cube, Thinkspace is re-envisioning what it means to be “institutional.”