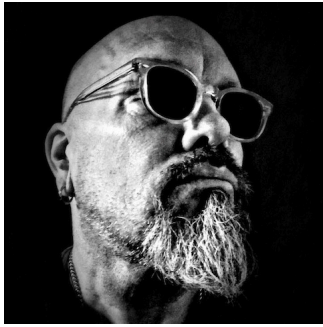


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Meet Daniel Shepherd, a self taught artist based in Phoenix who creates fascinating abstract paintings and collages.



Shepherd has exhibited extensively throughout Arizona, been featured in numerous publications and his work is included in private collections around the world. Shepherd's abstract paintings are contemplative and minimalist in style. He refers to his painting technique as "Ambient Painting" working with bright and saturated colors that often collide with pastels or minimal abstractions becoming more expansive with a plaintive serenity. "the colour box" is his latest series of acrylic on wood panels. Shepherd's paintings add incredible beauty and color to any space and his work is currently being exhibited at Off Madison Avenue in Phoenix through March.



Shepherd's collage work is inspired by and created with repurposed materials such as vintage magazines, old photographs, and books he comes across. The process of obtaining his materials excites Shepherd because the purpose they once served no longer applies. His collages are minimalist in style and brilliantly blend humor, isolation, and mystery with subtle provocative imagery.



Shepherd's artwork offering an intriguing variety of imagery from portraits, bugs, flowers and more, working organically by combining the images to create each work. Such as with "Radiohead" a stunning collage that features a doorway revealing a nude female figure with a literal head of a radio awkwardly kneeling on a bed that it is simply stunning yet unusual.



Recently Shepherd received rave reviews from his solo exhibition at Design 849 in Palm Springs, California as well as his solo exhibition at Willo North Gallery this past August. Up next for Shepherd is a solo exhibition of his latest collage work in Bokeh Gallery at the monOrchid

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slated for April 3 through April 26. For more information about Daniel Shepherd and his work visit <http://toofangskinny.tumblr.com/> and instagram @toofangskinny. *Images courtesy of the artist Daniel Shepherd and Nicole Royse.

