

## LOLOPOPART SOLO EXHIBITION

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## Lauren White Murphy-Artist Statement.

I am a self-taught artist, who works predominantly with an array of paint, spray paint and charcoal, to create bold, vibrant and energetic portraits, iconic moments, street art and abstract pieces.

Inspired by my years living in Los Angeles and working within various facets of the entertainment industry, my pieces are loaded with the themes of luxury and significance. Drawing inspiration from the stardom, celebrity culture and exorbitant wealth which surrounded me, I aimed to infuse my work with touches of Hollywood glamour; something you will be able to see in my use of 24 karat gold, layered resin, and Swarovski crystals. My work is unique for how I layer different materials.

and spray paint, and coat them in a diamond dust. This infuses almost all of my art with a touch of sparkle, affording my collectors their own piece of LA opulence. I am also known for my detailed portrait and screen painting work, having created a number of celebrity portraits and photo-realistic group paintings for clients all around the United States, Canada, UAE, Australia, Asia and Europe.

My artistic journey has been a rather unexpected one, having only began painting in 2018 after I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Having always been a very creative person with a strong love of the arts, my diagnosis inhibited my ability to do many of the things I loved most. In search for ways to express my creativity in spite of the limits flare ups of my illness can impose on me, I began painting. Once I picked up a paintbrush, I couldn't put it down, and it quickly became my foremost passion, and now something I have thankfully been able to turn into a career. Despite being relatively new to the artistic world, I have been fortunate enough to garner a growing list of well-known clientele, sending my work to many recognizable tv stars, influential people, actresses and television presenters.

When I was younger, I had dreamed of being a Rockstar and leaving an enduring legacy on the world. It may have taken me some time and tribulations to find the path I needed to be on, but now that I am here, I intend on seizing every opportunity and carving out a strong and defined legacy for myself. As Bono once said; "As a rock star I have two instincts, I want to have fun and I want to change the world. I have the chance to do both."

I never plan what I'm about to create, comes to me like music did. I have a vision and want to share it with YOU.

A portion of the profits from this exhibition will go to MS Ireland, a charity of which I am honored to be an ambassador.

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Lauren White Murphy (aka) Lolo (LolopopArt) is an Irish artist, songwriter, composer and actress. She was born and raised in Dublin, Ireland before moving to Los Angeles, California in 2013. From a young age, Lauren has been passionate about music, and fueled this passion by completing a Contemporary Music Performance Diploma at Ballyfermot College of Education and training in musical theatre at Liberties College. Alongside her natural talent for music, Lauren also excels in acting. She was trained at The Gaiety School of Acting and Bull Alley Theatre, and has numerous television, film, and short film credits, most notably a stint on the popular police procedural NCIS. Additionally, Lauren has appeared on stage in productions such as Romeo and Juliet, A Streetcar Named Desire and The Playboy of The Western World. In 2013, with a desire to pursue her acting and music dreams, Lauren relocated to Los Angeles. Once there she forged a successful songwriting, ghostwriting and composing career. Her work has been featured in a variety of successful Netflix series, and she has even ghostwritten entrants and potential entrants for the Eurovision Song Contest for countries including Ireland, Romania, Malta, Azerbaijan, and Denmark. Living in LA and establishing two successful, creative careers, Lauren was living the American dream until she began to experience symptoms which grew to greatly impact both her working and day-to-day life. After feeling unwell for some time, Lauren received a life altering MS diagnosis in April 2018. The varied nature and unpredictability of her illness has had an impact on her acting and music careers, with her symptoms sometimes limiting her movement on one or both sides of her body and affecting her ability to memorize lines. As music had always been her primary focus, Lauren never gave any consideration to her artistic capabilities, in fact she had long believed she could barely draw a straight line! However, in search of way to keep herself and her mind occupied amidst her battle with MS and the limits it placed her creativity, Lauren turned to painting. As she describes it, she simply woke up one morning with the urge to paint, and despite never having trained as an artist in any professional capacity she has built a successful and renowned freelance art career in the last three years.

Inspired by her love of pop culture, Hollywood and influential people Lauren began creating detailed, vibrant and bold portraits of recognizable pop culture icons. Lauren's artwork is distinctive for its vibrancy and striking detail, as well as her use of 24 karat gold, layered resin and diamond dust, something which highlights the themes of luxury and significance which encapsulates her work. Her stunning portraits of influential figures and pop culture icons including Bono, Kris Jenner, and Elvis Presley highlight her intricate attention to detail. Additionally, her repertoire also includes an array of striking abstract pieces geared for commercial placements, as well as eye-catching murals and street art. While her fine art and street artwork are comparable through their use of sensational and luminous color combinations, they are also vastly different. Her ability to transition from intricate, detail orientated work to pieces which are highly abstract in nature only accentuates her incredible talent.

Using her natural Irish charm, gift for the gab and bright and bubbly personality, Lauren has forged important and notable connections at home and abroad, having sent pieces of her work to fellow MS sufferer Selma Blair, and notable reality television stars like Perez Hilton and the Kardashians. Lauren is also actively involved in bringing awareness to, and raising money for, Multiple Sclerosis charities and has recently become a spokesperson for MS Ireland. When she first began painting, Lauren created a spectacular piece of the DC comics heroine Wonder Woman, a character whom she channels in her everyday life,

Whilst she has only been in the art business for three years, Lauren has featured in many successful showcases and exhibitions, and her new career is only going from strength to strength. While much of her work is done through specialist commissions, her style and unique artistic presence is distinctive and connects all her pieces. Be it an intricate, luminous abstract piece, a meticulous photo realistic portrait or a combination of the two, one can recognize a Lauren White Murphy piece when you see one.

which was then auctioned at the California and Nevada MS Society for over \$10,000, all of which she donated.

Despite the great deal of uncertainty which her illness brings to her life, Lauren has remained positive and optimistic about the bright future which she has ahead of her, and her many career ambitions which she hopes to fulfill. While her art is her primary focus at the moment, she has not ruled out the possibility of pursing television or radio work in the future. For the time being, she is focusing on bringing awareness and support to MS charities, and is even using her art as a means of drawing attention to issues impacting the LGBTQ+ community, creating a mural to bring awareness to the Equality of Children Act. Lauren's life and story is awe-inspiring to anyone fortunate enough to hear it, and one can't help but be impressed by her consistent positive outlook and lust for life. Despite living with MS, she does not let her illness define or limit her in any way and she is a wonderful role model for younger generations looking to pursue their own dreams and ambitions.

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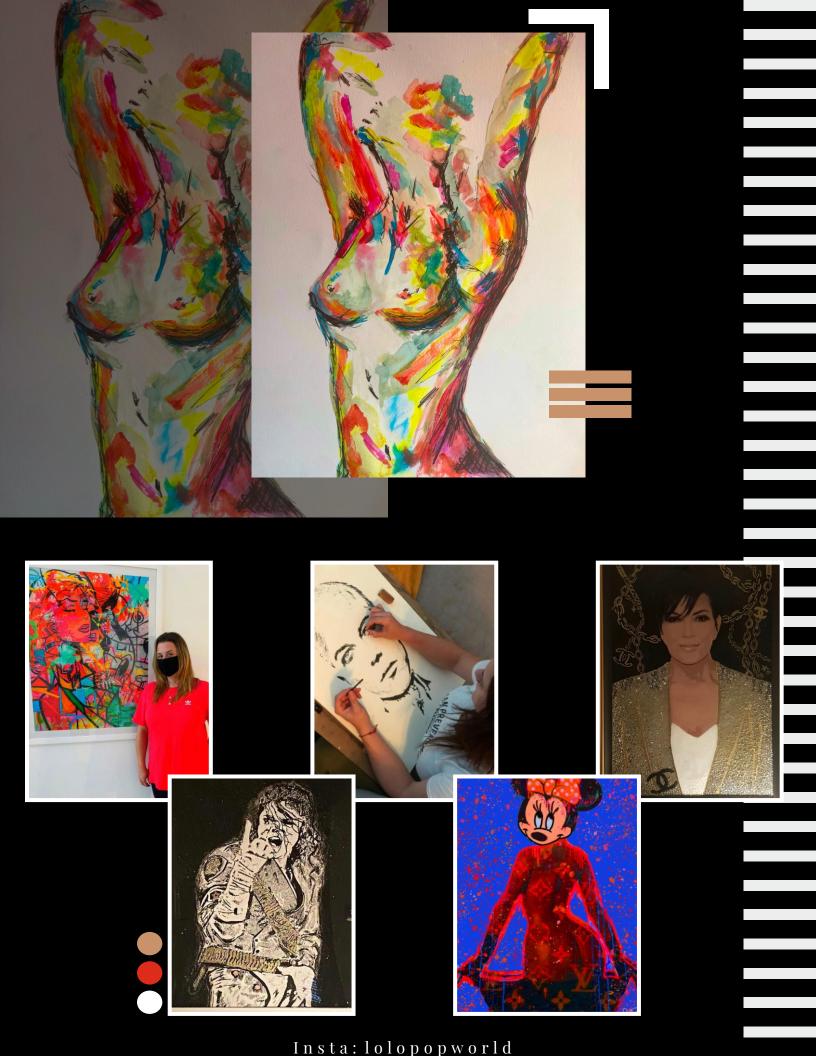


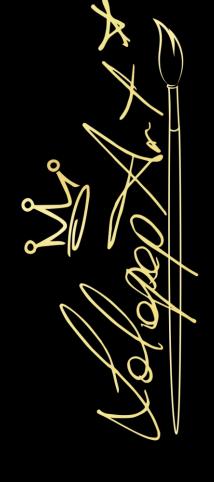


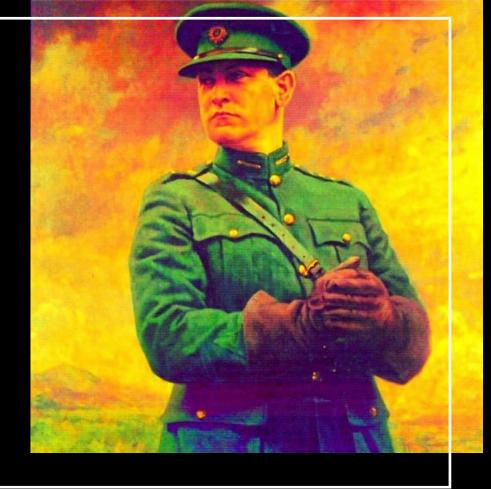




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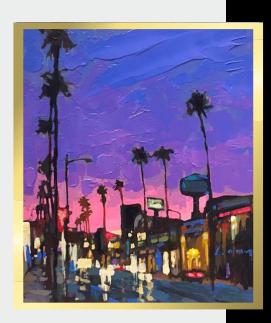






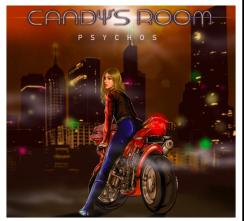






















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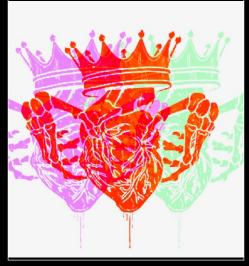






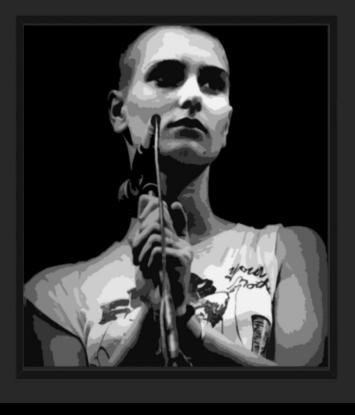








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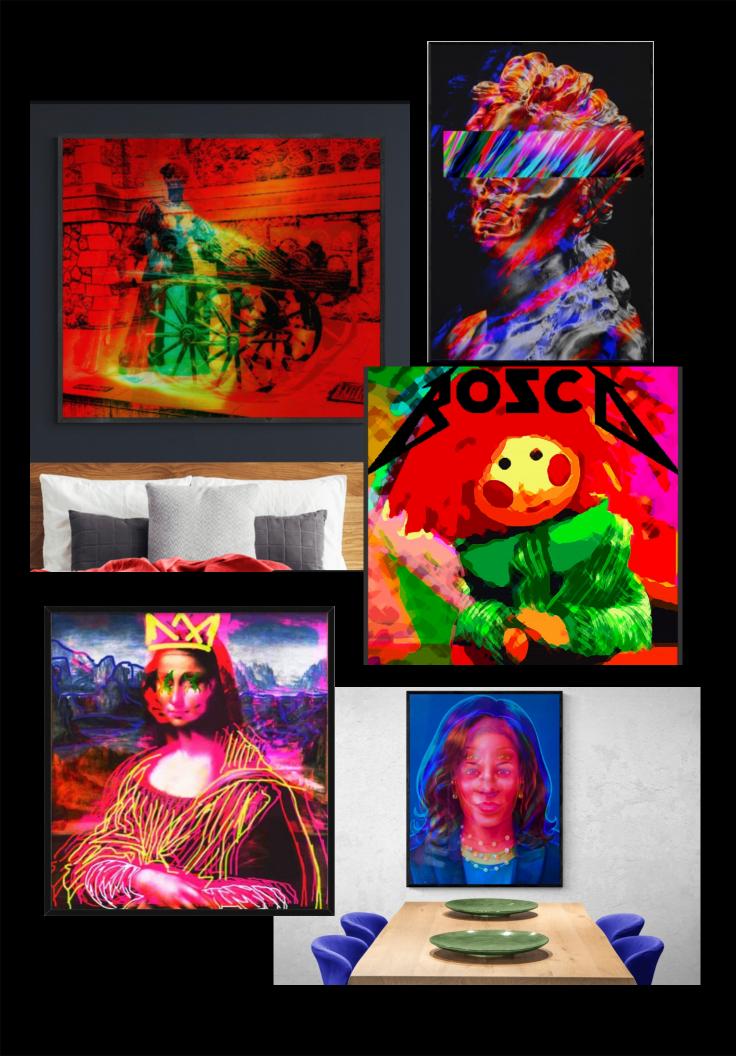






















I was born to create. I'm so fortunate that even though I found this a third way into my life under extremely tough circumstances, I get to create every day and bring people so much joy, bring communities together, whilst jumping into a piece with my soul, like art therapy... that's what's worth it. A piece of me left forever.







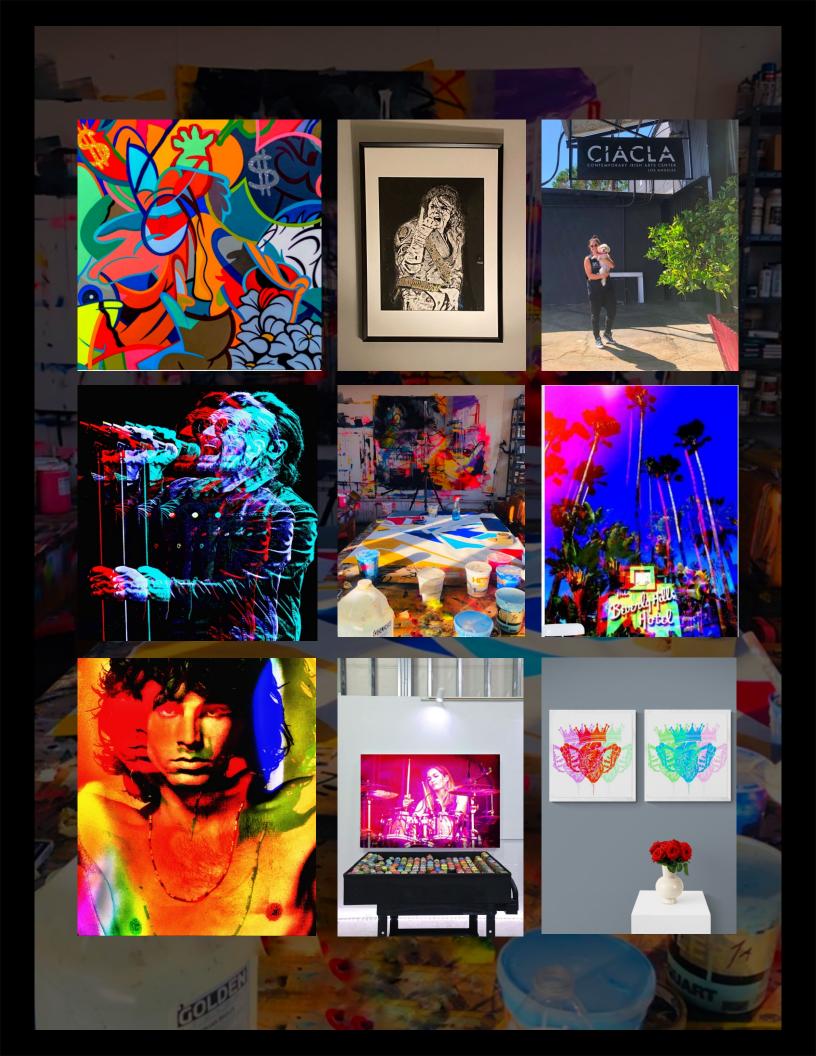








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