



Huey Lightbody

Biography

Huey Lightbody (b.1998) is a multidisciplinary visual practitioner residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Born in Jamaica-Queens to Cuban-Jamaican and African American parents, and raised in Virginia Beach, Lightbody navigates a lived cultural experience of intersectional history and positionality. He turned to creative investigation after stepping off a conventional life path, finding in his practice both refuge and revelation. His work merges street-inspired gestures, abstract portrait fragments, and modernist impulses. More than form or decoration, his surfaces serve as communicative fields for exploring the human complex, with a particular focus on the mechanisms and emotions of addiction. Through every layer and abrasion, Lightbody's practice seeks not only to reflect personal narrative but to spark collective reckoning and to transform vulnerability into a sharpened shared language of renewal.

Artist Statement

My work is immersed in the act of pouring. Utilizing raw texture and fervent gesture into immersive surfaces that act as direct communication with the viewer's own interior. Rejecting tidy resolutions, each composition—steeped in vehement gesture and graphic line—becomes a conduit for the emotional turbulence of addiction, desire, and healing.

These translations do not simply depict survival; they embody it. Layered marks unfold like pulses in the bloodstream, reflecting an ongoing negotiation between surrender and self-reinvention. Through this process, I invite the all of us to confront our own compulsions and what arises when we stop resisting the currents of our inner lives.