



ENTER ART FOUNDATION

## **VAUGHN BÉNÉTEAU**

b 1968 Ontario, Canada. Lives and works in Canada.

### **VITA**

#### **Solo Shows**

- 2017 „Body Mechanic“ - Gallery Nomad, Berlin, Germany
- 2015 „Masquerade“ - Gallery X, Dublin, Ireland
- 2015 „Bow & Brush“ - Capitol Theater, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 2014 „Human Nature“ - ArtSpeak Gallery, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 2014 „Conversation“ - Pop Hair Gallery, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 2013 „Le Voyage a L'interieure“ - Common Ground Art Gallery, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 2013 „New History“ - Sho Gallery, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

#### **Group Shows**

- 2015 „Anniversary Exhibition“ - Gallery X, Dublin, Ireland
- 2015 TRNSFRMR Gallery, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 2015 Art In The Parkette, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 2015 Harvesting The FAM Festival, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 2015 Galerie Abyss, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 2014 Alley Art Show, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 2014 Common Ground Art Gallery, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

### **ARTIST STATEMENT**

Vaughn Bénéteau is a self taught artist, connecting to art at a young age, because of a traumatic illness with his legs and feet, he found his voice in art. Painting and drawing is and will always be a need and a source of relief in his life. He has always been able to express himself with paint or with a pencil. His 35 years of experience have led him to experiment with a multitude of different media: Oil, Bic pen, acrylic, charcoal, Posca. The artist makes his art purely from emotion using the mechanics of the human body. He is inspired by a combination of music and the struggle of the human spirit. His work represents people who have a pain somewhere in their body, mind etc. He replaces it with mechanical parts, with the idea of taking the pain away. He puts himself inside that person and directly connects to their experience when he paints. His work is a record of the triumphs of the human spirit over adversity and pain, where the spirit rises above life's challenges.