



**B r a d W i l l i a m s**

*Kansas City, MO*

**Artist Statement**

In my recent work, I have been focusing on images of myself and those around me. Utilizing both drawing and painting media, my primary concern is exploring ways in which color and form interact. My belief is that the image resulting from a drawing or painting underscores that which is portrayed. The image making process works to emphasize the artist's perception of the world around him or her. The paintings currently in progress are not only a study of color and form, but also a way to inform ideas of individuality as well as visual interaction.

The figure and ground relationship plays a key role in the work. To further the relationship between viewer and image, distinct shapes and a specific palette are employed. I think about these shapes as being akin to puzzle pieces in hopes I can place the "correct" forms that best serve the painting. Compositional choices are an exploration in division of space inciting movement within the image. I aim for the resulting environments to embody the most basic qualities of objects and spaces, while simultaneously juxtaposing a duality of real world imagery and manifestations of imagination.

The process involved with painting is also considered within my work. I want to acknowledge the history of the image's creation, which may be suggested through a visible under-drawing or subtle area of a carefully rendered contour. The resulting image serves as a remnant of finding a way through the image making process.

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# Brad Williams

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## *EDUCATION*

2006 to present

Kansas City Art Institute  
4415 Warwick Boulevard  
Kansas City, Missouri 64111

- Nominated for the Yale Summer School of Music and Art Ellen Battell Stoeckel fellowship grant, Spring 2008
- Dean's list, Fall 2007

2001 to 2002

Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design  
1600 Pierce Street  
Lakewood, Colorado 80214

- Dean's List, Fall 2001

## *EXHIBITIONS*

2009

Kansas City Artists Coalition  
Undergraduate College Student Exhibition  
Kansas City, Missouri

2008

Kansas City Artists Coalition  
Undergraduate College Student Exhibition  
Kansas City, Missouri

2004

Pirate Gallery  
Paintings + Drawings  
Denver, Colorado

## *COLLECTIONS*

David + Kelly Kuhn  
Kansas City, Missouri

Loretta Higgins  
Denver, Colorado

Mike Burr  
Boulder, Colorado

