

DEVON DEJARDIN

B. 1993 in Portland, Oregon

Currently lives and works in Los Angeles, California

EDUCATION

2016 BA Communication and Religious Studies, Azusa Pacific University, CA

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Umgestalter*, Denk Gallery, Los Angeles CA

2019 *Guardians*, Coates and Scarry, Los Angeles, CA

AWARDS & RESIDENCIES

2021 Artist in Residence, Denk Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

BIOGRAPHY

Devon DeJardin (b. 1993) is a self-taught, multimedia artist from Portland, Oregon currently working out of Los Angeles, Ca. In his adolescent years DeJardin suffered from severe depression and anxiety, finding refuge in painting. DeJardin uses art — and art history — to understand the world and his place in it. With a background studying spiritual traditions from around the world, and an appreciation for the emotional, muscular abstraction of Picasso, Nevelson, Duchamp, Krasner, DeJardin's paintings, drawings, and sculpture reference the body, forces of nature, and the application of philosophy to lived experience. With a sense of geometry that is both architectural and organic, and a refined palette that highlights the life of the mind, DeJardin muses on strength, fragility, control, and surrender. DeJardin's work, for now, focuses on guardians – on entities and forces that protect us, guide us, and challenge us to grow. But often, our real life 'guardians' come in forms we don't recognize: challenges that force us to learn new skills, losses that teach us emotional resilience, crises that show us our inner strength.