

Artist CV

Mr BLAck (aka Dean McLeod)

BA Contemporary Art

Wintec 2021 to 2024

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Profile

Kia Ora, I am mr BLAck (aka Dean McLeod) an artist based in Kemureti, Aotearoa.

I am an experimental, multi disciplinary, conceptual, creative, artist, curator, photographer and videographer.

I work in a variety of mediums, both analogue and digital, producing paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs & video as part of my many faceted art practice.

I teach photography via workshops and private tutoring to both young people and adults.

I also run a commercial Visual Creative Agency, Black Creative (<https://www.blackcreative.co.nz/>) producing visual content as well as web design.

Post Covid in 2021 I decided to return to study and obtain my BA Contemporary Art and since then have been working to expand and focus on my art practice, supported by my commercial agency work.

I am an artist. I am also a creative working across various disciplines, aiming to produce artistic work that generates emotions and questions of the viewer.

Work Examples

Website: <https://www.mrblackart.com/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mrblackartnz/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mrblackartnz>



Exhibitions

2025 - entropy - group exhibit, Artspost, Kirikiriroa, NZ
2024 — Creative Showcase Wintec — group exhibit, Gallery X, Kirikiriroa, NZ
2024 - Curate & Hang WSA Members Exhibition
2024 - almost human - solo exhibit - Morrinsville Gallery, Morrinsville, NZ
2023 — Creative Showcase Wintec — group exhibit, Gallery X, Kirikiriroa, NZ
2022 — Creative Showcase Wintec — group exhibit, Gallery X, Kirikiriroa, NZ
2022 — Contemporary Art Showcase Wintec — group exhibit, Gallery X, Kirikiriroa, NZ

Grants

Matamata Piako District Council
creative communities grant 2024
\$1200 to run 2 photo workshops at Morrinsville Gallery for families and teenagers.

Personal Attributes

Practical, creative and hands-on, with strong analytical and logical thinking, maturity, a sense of humour and common sense.

Comfortable balancing strategic perspective with day-to-day operational detail; described as firm but fair, with well-developed life skills and system savvy.

Professional Experience

Refer the attached Professional CV.

Additional Experience

Te Toi Whakaahua

“Boutique Contemporary Art Gallery e noho ana i Kemureti, Aotearoa hei kanohi mo nga kaitoi o te rohe”

Art Gallery Owner – Te Toi Whakaahua

January 2022 – September 2022

- Established and operated a pop-up art gallery representing local emerging and established artists.
- Managed curation, artist relationships, marketing and day-to-day gallery operations.

Artspost

During my studies I worked as an intern at Artspost, Hamilton curating and installing exhibitions. I worked on a few notable exhibitions, the New Zealand Print and Paint Awards, New Zealand Youth awards and the Artspost Members Exhibition.

Videography

48 Hour Film Festival 2017

Director for team challenge video shoot - https://youtu.be/dp9V2leiMtw?si=fzITC41L_ySMDXX3

Soulti music video 2024

Director/Videographer for music video for upcoming artist Soulti -

<https://youtu.be/nGJbYiGzay4?si=zkNy7iHofDJCS9fy>

Technology

Experienced Business Analyst in the technology to process area, involved in various software integration and replacement projects.

- Adobe Suite (Lightroom, Premier) and Da Vinci Video Editing software
- Digital and creative: web design and social media, photography, videography and digital imaging.
- ERP and supply chain systems: Oracle R11 & R12, JDE ERP, SAP R/3, Exceed WMS / Exceed 4000, ACE (Unix-based), DMS Freight Management, Opix "Pick" system, AS400 (IMAS).
- Productivity and platforms: Microsoft Office, Microsoft Project, Apple Mac, Microsoft Windows, Android Apps.

Referees

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