

Ashley Arnaé Simmons Artist Statement

Ashley Arnaé Simmons is from the city of Chicago. She is a talented mixed media artist and curator. She paints and sells her work and has curated many remarkable events. In addition to her artistic endeavors, Ashley has engaged in creative directing and content development. As a strategist, she provides portfolio and resume development support to the community.

As a mixed media artist and curator, she traverses the realms of oil paint, glass, and beyond. Her passion lies not only in the creation of art but also in the curation of captivating experiences. Ashley believes that art is a universal language, a mirror reflecting our shared human experience. Through her practice, she strives to showcase the profound beauty and complexity of our world, creating spaces that invite contemplation and connection.

Her goal is to create immersive experiences that foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of art's role in our lives. She draws inspiration from a rich tapestry of influences, including the profound words of W.E.B. Du Bois, James Baldwin, and Nikki Giovanni. Their unapologetic reflections on life, success, and struggle fuel her creative process. The complex and passionate artistry of Jean-Michel Basquiat, with his fusion of life events, French influences, and Neo-expressionism, deeply resonates with her. She also finds endless motivation in the natural world—particularly the sky—which serves as a constant reminder of the vastness and beauty of transformation.

For Ashley, art is an endless journey of learning and evolution. By seeing and representing things multiple times and in various contexts, we gain deeper understanding and appreciation. Her philosophy centers on the idea that living through love and embracing art allows us to continuously grow and evolve.