

## LA Unscripted | April 15th, 2022

From hot spots and hidden gems to lots of local flavor It's your guide to L A the unscripted way And tonight from the stunning Lomitas mansion in Beverly Hills we're getting artsy Hello everyone and welcome to L A unscripted from a stunning home you can stay in That is truly a work of art We'll give you all the dates on this place coming up as we explore art in L A up first How doodling led an actor to create a side hustle that's helping your kids learn some important lessons I did the mural in a day and a half Brady Smith 64 I live in Los Angeles You know I've worked as an actor for 20 years made my living in doing it I did a recurring on parks and recreation I always say that I've done a lot of big roles in small movies and a bunch of small roles in big movies Art has definitely kind of taken over more of my time This is the first book that my wife and I co-wrote together It's basically about being present and turning off your electrical devices It's called You're Missing it The way I came up with the book is that I was pushing my son with one hand on a swing and looking at my phone and my wife opened up our kitchen windows and he yelled at me across so that the yard you're missing it and a light bulb went off It's all spontaneous and it's kind of like what's happening in the moment which is a fun way to paint for me walking into a bookstore and to see a kid sitting in the corner leafing through the pages It almost chokes me up It just feels really good because I feel like there's so much scary dark negative stuff out there for me to be able to contribute something that's bright and vibrant and joyful The way I discovered this style I kind of think it just evolved from years and decades of doodles 99% of the stuff that's up there is me doodling doodling with my kids doodling by myself just drawing My wife always jokes that if something's sitting still long enough that I'm gonna paint on it And there's a lot of truth to that My daughter and my son just recently took up skateboarding and I bought a skateboard because I haven't skateboarded since I was 15 years old So I bought one and it just was a blank slate and I started doodling on it And now I've been drawing and painting skateboards Lal works awesome Uh local brewery and I've done four separate cans for them It is really cool Having my art on a beer can I think it's out of all the stuff I've done My dad is most proud of He's like yeah Oh boy we did this I find inspiration every time I sit down at my desk or I look at my kids It's there You just have to be open to it live a creative life and take stuff in and and doodle it down for lack of a better term Go for it I want my art to feel

like a like a warm enchilada You know it feels good People look at it and they're like I like this This makes me happy I totally just compared my art to a warm enchilada I've never done that before and Brady just finished a new mural You can check out at LA A works tasting room Ivy station in Culver City And we felt so in love with the idea of having our own L A unscripted office mural We brought in an expert meet jewels and see how she turned a boring space into a bright and bold must see place I really wanted to capture the L A essence and I know that personally when the sun sets and the mountains are you know that purple sort of color and the Hollywood sign and the stars it really like brings the vibe of L A I am the owner of pretty good painters Today we're painting a mural for your lovely office Pretty good painters is a team of muralists that travel from L A all across the US Painting large scale murals in businesses homes bedrooms nurseries I painted my first mural in January of 2021 So only a year ago and we painted over 70 murals I am an assistant to a muralist It's amazing I'm so unbelievably appreciative of Julia The team is all of my best friends So I think it was really cool that you know when I started this business and started painting my friend showed interest in helping and it's just formed this really tight knit group of really talented girls and and guys we're reliable we're fun We bring something to you know people's homes or people's businesses that is pretty unique You can find me at the pretty good painter dot com and send me a message I'm so stoked for the office Beautiful Ok This next gallery may be one of my favorite stories Ever meet Chicken Boy and the woman who made it her job to keep his history alive after 30 years and probably around \$30,000 las favorite local landmark has finally found his forever home These people are crazy about Chicken Boy I finally found other people who don't think like most other people like unbelievable people love Chicken Boys My name is Amy EOA And tonight I'm revealing Chicken Boy he was on top of a restaurant that was called Chicken Boy Chicken Boy went up on the building in about 1969 I moved down here from the Bay area when I was about 20 I moved down to go to art school and I would just get up every morning and drive around driving up Broadway and I see Chicken Boy our eyes met It was something what happened was he just made me feel at home So then I kept track of him Oh my God These are amazing pictures You did such a good job of keeping all this So one day I'm driving by and there was a release sign on the building and it was boarded up So I kept calling them and saying what's gonna happen with the statue please don't destroy him And then they one day said um well if you're so concerned about saving him

come and get him At that point I didn't know he was 23 ft tall but here we are ok We're moving him We found some people who would help us and we sent them down in the middle of the night to take him off the building They went down there with the right equipment They had a cherry picker and a welder guy and all this kind of stuff And once we got him down it was another problem what to do with him So I had him in storage for a little over 23 years until we moved to this neighborhood I had a chance to put him on my roof Oh my God And you do see how big he is when you finally see him laying down you can't tell when he's up there No no Is that you wearing the head Yes So he's been up on the roof for about 12 years He's not going anywhere I hear from lots of people Oh my son makes me drive by chicken boy all the time So he could say hi my office sort of a gallery What we refer to as the gallery we'd have had maybe 100 gallery shows here but uh COVID sort of shut that down So now I'm looking towards maybe starting that up again a little bit and opening up the little Chicken boy shop sometime maybe in the spring Honestly such a great piece of L A history Thank goodness for people like Amy and she is so sweet and so cute All right we will be back with the Amazing Banksy and a tour of this work of art Welcome back to our special look at L A the artists way and perhaps the most famous graffiti artist of all time Banksy We're taking you inside the new So how interactive exhibit dedicated to the great and mysterious Brit Banksy has created work in New York City He has created work here in L A What is really fascinating on Besi itself is that no one knows who he is and he created all this art and became famous without ever revealing his identity My name is Sask Hoser and I'm revealing the works of one of the most famous street artists in the world He came up in the nineties as a graffiti artist probably from Bristol That's what people think where he grew up Whenever he creates this street art he usually um it's political themes criticizing consumerism police brutality capitalism and that makes people think So this art piece is called the Flying Shopper This popped up the first time in 2011 in London I think this is a very good piece of art symbolizing the downfall of people through consumer recently So the gallery is broken up into 13 hall Each hall has its own theme This is what we call the war room Bensi speaks out against war and he draws on the point that the actual victims of war you know Children normal people So the police room is bess way of drawing attention to police violence and or police brutality and he puts like a spin on it for example with the kissing cops So you have about 80 original art pieces that have been authenticated So all the pieces are actually from private collections and um

brought together in this room The girl with the balloon is one of the most famous of his like works It sends the message that There is always hope in 2018 when it was sold at Sada Base at auction in the moment the hammer fell and it was sold Benxi triggered a shredder that he had built in into the frame The picture came in and it shredded half of the picture of it in this room You'll find a video actually showing the event you can watch and talking about it Um What actually happened that day the the art experience is an added bonus which is pretty cool and it's just a great way to experience Banksy's art on the streets like it intended but it's a fully immersive experience It is included um with the VIP ticket Otherwise there's just a small fee for it So we're going to be running through summer of 2022 If you know one thing of him I think if you come to this art exhibition you will learn so much more about him You probably did not know that he is very much into helping good causes And for example if he wants to help the cause he would create an art piece that he knows can be sold His art is not just you know him making art but kind of like helping I think the world to make a better place There are so many stories of people buying a \$5 piece of art on the street or at a subway station pop up only to find out later It's a Banksy Oh I hope that happens to me Cross my fingers All right we'll be right back Welcome back to L A unscripted from the mansion in Beverly Hills You know Los Angeles is home to some truly magical museums and also about 100 private galleries But it's this one that Jasmine Simpkins Uncovered that focuses on the business of black art This is meant to be a safe space a safe space for people to explore and identify and feel welcomed And so that's why instead of calling it a gallery we call it our sacred house Hello I'm Darryl Walsh one of the partners here at Band of V and we're really not just an art gallery business We're an art and culture business So we are really trying to identify promote and give visibility to those often unseen and overlooked marginalized peoples people of color We're very intentional about the programming We typically do 6 to 8 activations a year and we call them exhibitions All right So you know I've been trying to get in this gallery for quite some time So tell me what is the story because it's so amazing I've been a professional actor for most of my life I began hosting art shows around 1999 to help visual artists make a living in the same way that people were supporting me as an actor Then it it really powder cake and turned into a business Mm And so we opened our space across the street in 2015 And you know now we open this one in 21 But when we first took the building uh across the street it was pretty run down We had to relay floors and take out

ceilings and patch up walls But we always had a vision Uh You know I like to think that the West Adams area will just continue to evolve and grow But you know we were lucky we were here first So why did you decide to paint it pink I kind of think I know why it's very eye catching My initial thought was that this would be a love song for the neighborhood that here's something beautiful that really represents a tender side of us L A has become an epicenter for the art world Now it used to be New York dominated and then there was London you know sort of what the version that we're doing here in this West Adams community It's access So people are going I have something in my backyard that I can walk to I can bring my kids to we can hang out We actually have a mantra that we have on the side of our building And it says that you know there was a time when it was bad to be black a time when it was brown was illegal A time when you know being gay or queer was immoral in a time when uh being differentially able was abominable You know there was a time when being different was a vice and we reject those labels Uh We say to those folks you know your time is now our time is now we're creating a band of vices and that West Adams neighborhood is booming right now Definitely check it out Now an artist born on Sunset Boulevard right here in Los Angeles uses the stories of his life to create some of the biggest and most beautiful murals you've ever seen I have a lot of influences that go back to my childhood but mostly it's a combination of skateboarding and skateboard art comic books and graffiti At this point I've painted over 100 murals in 30 cities My name is Tristan Eaton I'm a Los Angeles based painter and muralist and I'm revealing my journey as an artist I feel like I have a collage aesthetic that's based on all of the different areas of focus that I've had in my life And that's how I tell the story by ripping them all up and bringing them together like a puzzle I was born on Sunset Boulevard Uh I grew up in LA I have stacks of art from when I was seven years old eight years old nine years old It was pretty obvious that it was an obsession at a young age and that's taken me down a lot of different roads I think that the the mural work is the most important work that I do because it it has the potential to help people the most has the potential to do good for a community The pandemic threw curveballs and a lot of artists I know and everybody frankly but I was very lucky to do a project with the hospital in New York City in the Bronx Mont Fiore where uh they were kind of at the epicenter So they wanted to do something to celebrate their nurses and their workers They did this ad campaign and hired me to paint the nurses and contribute all this art to this initiative And it was really emotional

Amazing thing to be a part of this is my fourth version of this mural here at York Boulevard and Avenue 50 This one is of Cesar Chavez and Zapata I started painting the murals in this corner during the Black Lives Matter Movement And I painted Martin Luther King on the shutters And a few days later local racist came out painted over the whole mural wrote racial slurs over it So I came back and I immediately painted Malcolm X over it in response And then that was painted over and defaced So I painted Angela Davis in response to that was painted with my friend Sonny Boy and my friend Grace And we thought it was nice to have uh a white artist a black artist And a Mexican artist all coming together It's a thrill really to drive around any city and see my work out in public I know I've done my job Well when a community does not want my mural painted over it's become part of their identity Over 100 murals and counting so impressive Now can a house be a work of art It can be if it's this place Let me mansion from the nightfall Group where every detail is incredibly unique Let's take a peek So this is the Lomitas Mansion of eight bedroom nine bathroom over 13,000 square feet It really has everything you might ask for in a luxury property We have an elevator to all three floors full movie theater in the downstairs and behind me a full Olympic size swimming pool as well full open floor plan the windows behind me open up all the way So you have indoor outdoor access to the pool area It's great for entertaining It was designed by an artist So you have amazing art pieces located throughout the home The kitchen is state of the art We have a full kitchen and a chef's kitchen off to the side filled with Mala and Gaggenau appliances When we brought in private chefs and caterers they love working in there It's a it's a great place to you know bring the guests what they need as far as food The Nightfall group is a premium luxury rental and concierge company located here in Beverly Hills We have a portfolio of properties and services around the world From here in Los Angeles to Miami all the way to Dubai and the island of ST Barts We have private jets private yachts private chefs luxury cars So anything a guest might need during their stay we're there to help So we'll pick you up from the airport We'll take you to the property The fridge will be stocked and everything will be taken care of We can make anything happening I brought a few overnight bags so I'll be staying a while at least until security has been removed All right Well that is all the time we have for tonight We will see you next time