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Born 1985, Sterling Heights, MI
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Solo Exhibitions

2025

[Mixed](#), Debut record by sound and vision artist Chad Kouri, Published and distributed worldwide on vinyl and digitally

2024

[Chad Kouri](#), Print & Object, Chicago, IL
[The Colorful & Curious work of Chad Kouri](#), Nomi Gallery, Chicago, IL

2022

[Chad Kouri: European Solo Exhibit Debut](#), Carlotta Mastroianni Galleria, Frosinone, Italy

2021

[Reflection Pools](#), Presented by [Uprise Art](#) at [Chinatown Soup](#), New York, NY

2019

[The Center](#), [Subliminal Projects](#), Los Angeles, CA

2017

[Chad Kouri at NEIU](#), Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL

2014

[No Wrong Answers: Paper Paintings & Various Editions](#), [Johalla Projects](#), Chicago, IL

2013

The Affordable Art Fair, The Art Dossier, New York, NY

2012

Chad Kouri: [Shape & Color Studies](#), The Rochester Museum of Fine Arts, Rochester, NH

2009

[Concoction](#), Rotofugi Gallery, Chicago, IL

Selected Group Exhibitions

2023

[Keepsake](#), Uprise Art, New York, NY

2022

[Great Ideas of Humanity: Posters For Thought](#), Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee, WI

2021

Out of Office, Collar Works, Troy, NY

Successful Failures, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

Swell, The South Shore Art Center, Gary, IN

2020

Home/Work, Uprise Art, New York, NY

2019

For the Editions / Artists' Books Fair, Uprise Art, New York, NY

To Gather Together, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL

Corkins Alumni Presentation, Study Cabin, Brazos Cliffs, NM

Art On Postcards, Old Spitalfields, London, England

Collage Office, The Franklin, Chicago, IL

Eternal Recurrence, Spudnik Press, Chicago, IL

Pocket Object, Elephant Gallery, Nashville, TN

2018

Life As We Know It, Millersville University, Millersville, PA

The Terra Foundation, EXPO Art Fair, Chicago, IL

Local Comfort, LVL3, Chicago, IL

Boulevard Dreamers, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Pocket Object, JuiceBox Gallery, Kansas City, MO,

Pocket Object, Tusk, Chicago, IL

Visual Language, FACTION Art Projects, New York, NY & Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, CA

Downside Up, Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters, New Brunswick, NJ

West Reading Museum of Temporary Art (WRMOTA), West Reading, PA

Dangerous Professors, Flatland Gallery, Houston, TX

1,500,000,000,000, Triumph Gallery, Chicago, IL

Affordable Art Fair, Uprise Art, New York, NY

New Shapes, All Star Press, Chicago, IL

2017

Bow, Midway Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Democracy Print Show, Strange Matter, Lansing, MI

Sheet Music, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL

Sonic Arcade: Shaping Space with Sound, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY

Tribeca Art Night, Uprise Art, New York, NY

Artshow: Bedford, St. Matthews Church, Bedford, NY

Logan Square Chefs Dinner, Comfort Station, Chicago, IL

2016

Not Just Another Pretty Face, The Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

Shape/Shift, Lost Arts, Chicago, IL

Our City, The New School, New York, NY

Future Timeless, Mana Contemporary, Chicago, IL

Sight Unseen's OFFSITE, Uprise Art, New York, NY
Unfolded: Made with Paper, Chicago Design Museum, Chicago, IL

2015

Wherever, LVL3, Chicago, IL
The Freedom Principle, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
Neocon, Haworth Showroom, Chicago, IL
Play Time, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
Design Pop Up, Duluth Art Institute, Duluth, MN

2014

Tan Lines 2, Free Range Gallery, Chicago, IL
CyCollage, Spin, London, England
CHGODSGN, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

2013

10x10, Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, Chicago, IL
Fountain Art Fair, Johalla Projects, Chicago, IL
Re/View, Chicago Design Museum, Chicago, IL

2012

I Can Arrange That, Walnut Ink Gallery, Michigan City, IN
Medley, Chicago Urban Arts Society, Chicago, IL
Museum of Temporary Art, See Line Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Good Wood, 10-22-9 Gallery, Hamtramck, MI
Ignorance & Ambition, Chicago Design Museum, Chicago, IL
Studio Visit, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Wow House, Johalla Projects, Chicago, IL
Play, Believe Inn, Chicago, IL
Resource, Jean Albano, Chicago, IL
You Are Beautiful, Mission Cultural Center of Latino Arts, San Francisco, CA

2011

Art Dossier - Special Exhibitions, Affordable Art Fair, New York, NY
Write Now: Artists and Letterforms, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
All Together Now, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Breakout Artists of the Year, NEXT Art Fair (Newcity), Chicago, IL
Winter Fundraiser, Hills Esthetic Center, Chicago, IL

2010

Ah Wilderness, Ebersmoore, Chicago, IL
Sharpie Show, Crewest, Los Angeles, CA
Let There Be Geo, A+D Gallery at Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL
Don't Piss on Me and Tell Me It's Raining, apexart, New York, NY
Contemporary Collage, Northeastern Illinois University's Fine Arts Center, Chicago, IL
Typeforce: An Annual Showcase of Typographic Allstars, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL

2009

Concrete Image, International Center for Graphic Design, Paris, France
One Every Day, The Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, New York, NY
Get it Together, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL
The Post Family Brothers, Letterform, Chicago, IL

Art in Public

2025

United Lounge Permanent Collection, O'Hare Airport, Chicago, IL

2024

Reflection Pools Monument, commissioned by Amtrak, Union Station - Grand Hall, Chicago, IL

2023

Reflection Pools Billboard, Chama, NM

2022

Imitation Aura artwork Installation, Southport Brown Line stop, Chicago, IL

2021

Seasonal, sweetgreen Hyde Park, Chicago, IL

2020

Art For All staircase installation, The Fashion Outlet, Rosemont, IL
A New America Flag, Rockefeller Center, New York, NY

2019

Chicago Cubs Memorial Mural, Wrigley Field, Chicago, IL
Chicago Icons wayfinding set, commissioned by SPOKE, Chicago, IL

2018

Ode to Chicago Past & Present modular mural and wall painting, commissioned by Facebook AIR Program, Chicago, IL

2016

Chicago Icons Mural, commissioned by IDEO, Chicago, IL

2009-2014

Co-founder and co-curator of The Post Family's *Family Room* community space, Chicago, IL

2014

Satellite Nights, Soho House, Chicago, IL
Pitchfork Music Festival in collaboration with Johalla Projects, Chicago, IL

2012

Studio Visit - Artist studio in public space, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

2011

Make Mural - Commissioned by WPB's Orange Mural Project in collaboration with Nick Butcher, Ryan Duggan, Rod Hunting, Nadine Nakanishi and Ina Weise

2010

PopUp In Pilsen - Collaborative Window installation with Peter Skvara

2009

Renegade Craft, Chicago, IL - Artist studio in public space

Grants, Awards and Recognition

2023

duPont-Columbia University Award, *Finding Tamika* (composer)

2018

Terra Foundation Art Design Chicago Creative Ambassador

2011

Chicago Orange Mural Project, Chicago, IL
Propeller Fund Finalist, Chicago, IL

Residencies

2019-2025

Annual Corkins Exchange Winter Residency, Brazos Cliffs, NM

2018

Corkins Exchange, Brazos Cliffs, NM
Facebook AIR Program, Chicago, IL

2017

Triumph School Manual Project, Triumph, IL

2015

8550 Ohio, Chesterhill, OH
Freedom Principle, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL

2009

Cusp Conference Resident Artist, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL

Visiting Artist, Public Discussion Series, and Lecture Engagements

2009-Present

Recurring visiting artist at various undergraduate and graduate programs throughout the Chicagoland area including School of the Art Institute of Chicago, University of Illinois Chicago, Northwestern University, Northeastern Illinois University, Columbia College, Harold Washington College and more.

2023

Workshop and Lecture at Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL

2018

Lecture at Columbia College Chicago, IL

2017

Workshop at Poketo, Los Angeles, CA

Workshop and studio visits at School of The Art Institute, Chicago, IL

2015

I Like Your Work, Threewalls, Chicago, IL

The Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, Scotland

Bauhaus University, Weimar, Germany

Gallery Weekend at Soho House Berlin, Germany

Artist Worker Series, The Arts Club, Chicago, IL

2014

Art in Public, Hotel Lincoln, Chicago, IL

Satellite Nights, Soho House, Chicago, IL

2013

Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

Graduate Studies Art Department, Otis School of Art & Design, Los Angeles, CA

2012

Graduate Studies Printmaking Department, School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL

INSight Design Conference, Hammond, IN

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Creative Mornings, Chicago, IL

2011

Undergraduate Graphic Design Dept, Portland State University, Portland, OR

Artist Guided Tour at the Affordable Art Fair, New York, NY

Apple Store, Chicago, IL

Kent State University, Kent, OH

Contemporary Approaches to Promoting Art, School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL

Trinity College, Chicago, IL

2010

Undergraduate Graphic Design Dept, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL

PSFK Salon Chicago w/ SyFy, Chicago, IL

Events as Experimentation in Design, School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL

The Anatomy of a Freelance Graphic Designer, Columbia College, Chicago, IL

Typeface screening and Q&A, Walker Arts Center, Minneapolis, MN

2009

Nontraditional Ways of Making a Living as an Artist, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

Show N Tell Show, Chicago, IL
Portfolio Center guest critique, Columbia College, Chicago, IL

Collections

Ace Hotel, Chicago, IL
Ace Hotel, London, England
Chicago Design Museum, Chicago, IL
The Franklin Collection, Chicago, IL
Haworth, Holland, MI
IDEO, Chicago, IL
Lerner Children's Pavilion at Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, NY
The Rochester Museum of Fine Arts, Rochester, NH
Soho House Chicago Founding Members Collection, Chicago, IL
Soho House Collection, London, England
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
Hoxton Hotel, Chicago, IL
Spoke Properties, Chicago, IL
Various private collections, internationally

Press

2025

Amorosi, A.D. "[In Preview: Chad Kouri, the Moondog of the 21st Century?](#)" *JazzTimes*, June 8, 2025
Rose, Brad "[Joy Is Not a Distraction: An Interview With Chad Kouri](#)" *Foxy Digitalis*, June 20, 2025

2024

Egan, Gwen "[The Prettiest Place for Public Art? Your Local Amtrak Station.](#)" *Thrillist.com*, October 18, 2024

2023

Alday, Cristobal "[Ethereal revelations: Julia Arredondo and Chad Kouri help us find a place for contemplation](#)" *The Chicago Reader*, May 17, 2023
Hieggelke, Brian "[Art Top 5: May 2023](#)" *Newcity Magazine*, April 26, 2023

2021

[sweetgreen Opens New Location in Hyde Park](#), *Chicago Food Magazine*, August 3, 2021

2020

Cardoza, Kerry "[Like Pyramids to the Boom Years: Fashion Outlets of Chicago Brings Museum-Quality Art to the Public.](#)" *Newcity Magazine*, January 14th, 2020

2019

Voon, Claire "[Don't Miss the Art at Young American](#)," *Chicago Magazine*, February 20, 2019
Williamson, Caroline "[2019 Gift Guide: Modern Art](#)," *Design Milk*, November 6, 2019
Ziamba, Christine N. "[22 Awesome Things To Do In Southern California This Weekend](#)," *LAist*, January 31, 2019

2018

Olson, Grady "[Chicago-based Artist Chad Kouri Looks at His Creative Process Through the Lens of a Musician](#)," amadaus.com, November 30, 2018

"[8 Artists to Invest In Right Now](#)," Catawiki, June 22, 2018

Alyea, Ginny Van "[Fashionable Art Surprises: An Invitation to See Artwork – And More – In Person](#)," Chicago Gallery News, September 25, 2018

"[Shepard Fairey, D*Face & More Acclaimed Artists Team up on "Visual Language" Show](#)," Hypebeast, August 3, 2018

2017

Brammer, Mikki "[The Ace Hotel Chicago Uses Art to Channel Mies van der Rohe and the Bauhaus](#)," Metropolis, Dec 12, 2017

"[House of Vans Chicago with Future Islands, Dignable Planets, Noname](#)," Transworld Skateboarding, January 25, 2017

2016

"[Featured Creatives: Chad Kouri](#)," TheDesignKids.org, December 2016

Baumgardner, Julie "[Fair game: Wallpaper* rounds up the hits from NYCxDesign 2016](#)," Wallpaper, May 18, 2016

2015

Ritchie, Abraham "[Visual Jazz: Chad Kouri's Freedom Principle Series](#)," mcachicago.org, June, 2015

Margasak, Peter "[Why the AACM and AfriCOBRA still matter](#)," July 7, 2015

McCrea, Kirsten "[Chad Kouri: July Artist](#)," papirmasse.com, June 9, 2015

Anderson, Samuel, "[Best Bets](#)," New York Magazine, April 19, 2015

Derringer, Jaime "[Art For All by Chad Kouri](#)," design-milk.com, April 13, 2015

"[#UATAKEOVER](#)," blog.upriseart.com, March 24, 2015

2014

"[Chad Kouri's Unique Multiples](#)," InsideWithin.com, October 2014

"[Friday Musings: Chad Kouri 'Shape & Color Collage Studies](#)," inoutdesignblog.com, August 22, 2014

Leiby, Sofia, "[Artist Spotlight](#)," Iv3media.com, August 4, 2014

Brooks, Sarah, "[Artful Interviews at Pitchfork Music Festival](#)," Gapersblock.com, July 24, 2014

Parkin, Lo, [PeopleofPrint.com](#), July 25, 2014

Singer, Jill, "[Up and Coming](#)," sightunseen.com, July 18, 2014

Gibbs, Adrienne Samuels, "Pop-up Party: low-key cool 'Satellite Nights' event heralds the opening of Soho House Chicago", Chicago Sun-Times, June 30, 2014

Editorial magazine feature, April 2014

2013

"[The Page Turners 1 & 2](#)," The Economy Magazine, Fall 2013

Siddall, Liv, "[Introducing...The wonderful, multi-disciplinary artist Chad Kouri](#)," ItsNiceThat.com May 22, 2013

Colmenares, Miguel, "[Chad Kouri is a Colectivo Futurist](#)," colectivofuturo.com, May 9, 2013

Molek, Claire, "[7 Emerging Chicago Artists To Watch Right Now](#)," ModernMidwest.com, February 2013

2012

[The 22 Magazine](#), August 30, 2012

Silverman, Julia. "Fresh Cuts," *Chicago Weekly*, May 31, 2012
Hyde, Andrea "[Printed Matter Remix](#)," *blogs.walkerart.org*, April 27, 2012
Miller, Easton, "[Renaissance Man](#)," *Beautiful Decay*, April 13, 2012
Walters, Amy, "[Sneak Peek: Chad Kouri + Margot Harrington](#)," March 26, 2012
Hamada, Jeff, www.booooooom.com, January 12, 2012

2011

[OtherPeoplesPixels Interviews The Visualist](#)," *blog.otherpeoplespixels.com*, October 25, 2011
Viera, Lauren, "[Hornswaggler Arts Collect in the Name of Cocktails](#)," *Chicago Tribune*,
October 19, 2011
Hageman, William. "[Blazing. and Crafting. Their Own Trail](#)," *Chicago Tribune*, August 10, 2011
Viera, Lauren, "[Artists find solace with The Post Family](#)," *Chicago Tribune*, July 28, 2011
Popova, Maria "[10 Essential Books for Thought-Provoking Summer Reading](#)," *The Atlantic*, May 31, 2011
Foumberg, Jason. "[Breakout Artists 2011: Chicago's Next Generation of Image Makers](#),"
Newcity Magazine, April 27, 2011

2010

Viera, Lauren. "[Picture \(and Sculpture\) Perfect](#)," *Chicago Tribune*, April 16, 2010
[I'm Jealous of Chad Kouri](#)," *www.thejealouscurator.com*, January 23, 2010
Ruiz, Steve, "[Netherland / Chad Kouri at Rotofugi](#)," *chicagoartreview.com*, January 12, 2010
Jeffers, Joe, "[Review: Chad Kouri and Netherland/Rotofugi](#)," *Newcity Magazine*, January 11, 2010
Emmons, Amze, Printeresting.com, January 8, 2010
Davis, Ethan, grainedit.com, January 7, 2010