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Artist Kevin Von Holtermann on Overcoming Adversity

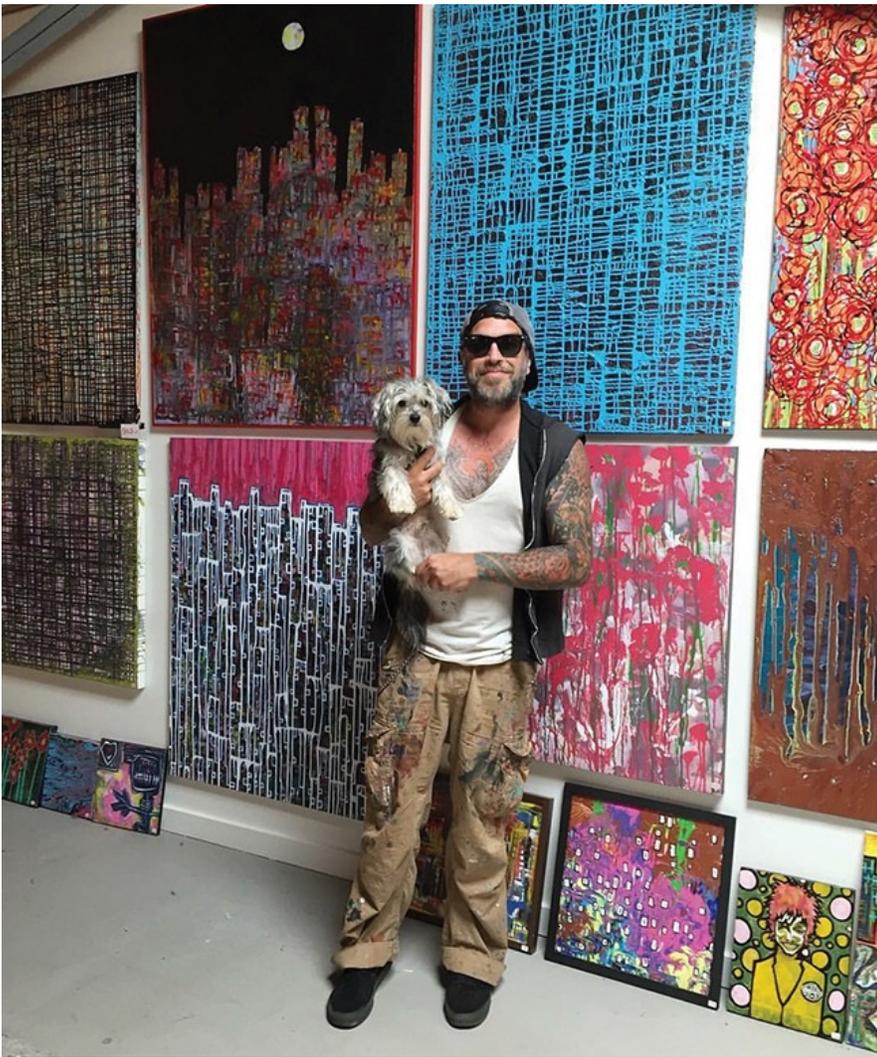
Before weathering a pandemic, the Readington painter-slash-musician conquered cancer.

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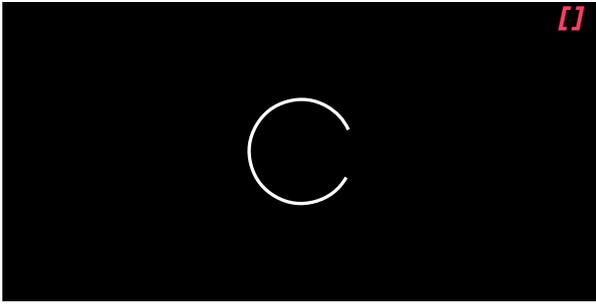
Courtesy of Kevin Von Holtermann

Kevin Von Holtermann runs his own gallery, plays in a rock band, and recently signed with an overseas consultancy to promote his art. That’s just how he operates—with a lot going on. His ADHD hampered his focus at school, but “it worked out really well creatively,” says the Readington artist, 48.

His vibrant acrylic paintings depict flowers, people on smartphones, and pared-down cityscapes. When people visit Kev Von Holt Gallery at the Stangl Factory in Flemington, which also showcases his abstracts and sculptures, they say, “How many artists are in here?’ I’m like, ‘It’s just me.’”

Surviving in the arts world during the pandemic is one thing. Von Holtermann had to survive cancer first. In 2019, his kidney was removed after a tumor was discovered. Post-recovery, he formed a new band, First Class Creeps. Then New Jersey went into lockdown. “It was like *The Twilight Zone*. I was like, *Are you kidding me?*”

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But Von Holtermann is managing, thanks to the Internet and “the generosity of some people who have been collectors over the years.” He linked up with Art Works Design to represent his work in February. “We were attracted to Kevin’s energy and also his ability to convey emotions in his work,” says Rob Manning of Art Works.



Von Holtermann plans to expand his limited gallery hours as the weather gets warmer. “I’m so thankful every day. I look at my gallery and I’m like, *I’m still here? I’m still doing this?*”

See Von Holtermann’s works on his [website](#) or at his gallery in the Stangl Factory (50 Stangl Road, Flemington).

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