

**Abraham Onkst**

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## **Education**

B.A., Visual Art Studies, Pennsylvania State University, Altoona, PA -

Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, Altoona, PA - 2019-2020

Young Entrepreneurs Academy, Altoona, PA - 2018-2019

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## **Selected Exhibitions**

*Synthetic World* - Cambria County Arts Center - Johnstown, PA (solo) January-February 2024

*Anything Goes* - California Heritage Museum - Santa Monica, CA (group) September 9th-30th 2023

*Featured works* - Corridor Contemporary - Philadelphia, PA (group) - March 2023

*Biennial* - Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Loretto, PA (group) - February 3rd-April 16th 2023

*STATIC!* - Sheetz Gallery, Penn State Altoona College, Altoona, PA (solo) - April 6th-16th 2023

*Workout* - McLanahan Gallery, Penn State Altoona College, Altoona, PA (group) - April 21-30th 2022

*Day One's* - 1CULTURE Gallery, San Jose, CA (group) - August 2022

*Group Exhibition* - Corridor Contemporary - Philadelphia, PA (group) - August 2021

*Group Exhibition* - Erick Vilches Gallery, Fort Lauderdale, FL (group) - June 27th 2021

*Lit pop-up exhibition* - Penn State Altoona College, Altoona, PA (group) - March 11-25th 2021

*Splendid Society Art & Fashion Pop-Up* - Hadleys, Altoona, PA (group) - November 26-29th 2020

*El Paso Fashion Week* - Grace Gardens Event Center, El Paso, TX (group) - October 18-26th 2019

*Abraham Onkst Solo Show* - 321 Art Gallery, Hollidaysburg, PA (solo) - January 2019

*Distinctly Complimentary with Abraham Onkst and Andrew Sensenig* - The Living Gallery Outpost, New York, NY (two person) - May 11-13th 2018

*Ebensburg Art in Bloom* - Ebensburg Courthouse, Ebensburg, PA (group) - April 2018

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## **Awards**

*Borland Scholarship* - Pennsylvania State University, Altoona College - 2021-2023

*Most Outstanding Business Award* - Young Entrepreneur Academy (YEA!) investor panel, Altoona, PA - March 20th, 2019

*Best of Show Award* - Ebensburg Art in Bloom, Ebensburg, PA - April 2018

## **Selected Publications**

New & Abstract, Five Questions with Abraham Onkst, Germany - 2023 - [German Art Publication Interview](#)

KC O'Day, ABC23 Artist Spotlight interview, Altoona, PA - March 3rd 2022 - [Artist Spotlight: Abraham Onkst - ABC23](#)

Jacob Johnson, My Art Is Real (various features), My Art Is Real - 2022 to present - [My Art Is Real featured artwork by Abraham Onkst](#)

INSIGHT: Imagined Future, FOKUS Magazine, pages 60-61- June 25th 2021 - [INSIGHT: Imagined Future – FOKUS](#)

Hard Freight Art and Literary Magazine, Hard Freight (Lakeside, Confidence, and Solace), Penn State University Altoona College, Altoona, PA - April 5th 2021 - [Hard Freight Magazine featured works](#)

Splendid Society Issue 1, Splendid Society Magazine - December 28th 2020 - [Splendid Society Issue 1, featured art, writings, and photography](#)

Issue 2: CHAOS, Zine OnUs - October 2020 - [Featured work in Zine OnUs Magazine](#)

Joe Glass, Artist Mini Doc, The Grey Medium, Bedford PA, - February 19th 2019 - [Artist Mini Documentary by The Grey Medium](#)

Tony DeGol, Arts Altoona, Altoona PA - April 17th 2019 - [Teen's Mission to Create Beauty Leads to Vibrant Art Company – ArtsAltoona](#)

Number 6 Signature Print, Cover Artist for Genre Urban Arts Magazine, Milwaukee, WI - February 2019 - [No. 6 Signature Print — Genre: Urban Arts](#)

Number 5 Signature Print, Genre Urban Arts Magazine, Milwaukee, WI - February 2019 - <https://genreurbanarts.com/books/p/no-5-signature-print>

Kendyl Ramsey, Arts Altoona Artist to Artist, Altoona, PA - February 19th 2018 [Artist to Artist: Abraham Onkst – ArtsAltoona](#)

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## **Philanthropy**

Mount Aloysius, fundraising event and silent auction, Cresson, PA - October 7th 2023

Cookies for Kids NYC, art auction gala for pediatric cancer research, New York, NY - October 3rd 2023

Cookies for Kids, Art in August limited edition dinner plate sale in support of pediatric cancer research - October 14th 2022

Cookies for Kids NYC, art auction gala for pediatric cancer research, New York, NY - March 12th 2019

Sideline Cancer Foundation dinner and silent auction for pancreatic cancer research artwork donation, Hollidaysburg, PA - 2017 & 2018

The Angels Foundation silent auction artwork donation, Hollidaysburg, PA - 2018

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## **Work Experience**

Business Development Specialist, Ward Transport and Logistics, Altoona, PA - January 2024-Present

- CRM
- Excell
- Cold calls
- Emails
- Teamwork
- Customer relationships
- Customer service
- Business growth / development
- Supply chain / logistics

Owner/Operator, Onkst Art LLC, Hollidaysburg, PA - 2018-Present - [Www.OnkstArt.com](http://Www.OnkstArt.com)

- Fine art production (painting, drawing, ceramics, etc.)
- Clothing and home decor production
- Creative direction
- Marketing
- Sales
- Distribution
- Customer acquisition
- Day-to-day operations
- Social media and email marketing
- Website building and operations

Vice President, Splendid Society LLC, Hollidaysburg, PA - 2020-Present - [Www.SplendidSociety.com](http://Www.SplendidSociety.com)

- Creative direction
- Event planning
- Customer acquisition
- Day-to-day operations
- Social media and email marketing

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## **Other Projects**

Pluko Colorblind Album Film, debuted on Proximity YouTube Channel (8.94 million subscribers) - May 28th, 2020 - [Colorblind album film](#)

- Creative direction
- Filming
- Editing
- Casting
- Directing
- Ideation
- Set design
- Styling

Abraham Onkst & Del Toro Pocket Square Collaboration, Del Toro, Carlstadt, NJ- July 30th, 2021 to July 30th, 2022 - [Del Toro pocket square collaboration](#)

- Product design
- Product promotion
- Product photography
- Group communication

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*Speak What You Seek!* 48x48 inch acrylic on canvas painting by Abraham Onkst, 2022

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Creator of Universes

Abraham Onkst is a painter, designer, and creator born and raised in beautiful rural central Pennsylvania.

Since a young age, Onkst has had a natural gravitation to the art world and all things creative. He first decided to pick up a brush when he was 13 years old, and has not stopped since.

Onkst has developed his own unique style through years of trial and error, experimentation, practice, and patience that is gaining rapid traction with collectors worldwide. His work is featured in collections alongside artists such as Damien Hirst, David Salle, Romero Britto, and more.

Onkst's signature style is characterized by flowing layers, serendipitous splatters, action, movement, and emotion. Each piece that Onkst creates is its own engulfing universe that invites the viewer to experience it. Onkst often encodes words, motifs, numbers, and symbols in his works.

Onkst gathers much inspiration from language as he states "Some things cannot simply be expressed through words alone." Abraham's powerful and passionate compositions shake the snow globe of the viewers' everyday lives, give them a breath of fresh air, and inspire them. Although he grew up in the small town of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, art has allowed Onkst to travel for exhibitions in New York, Florida, Texas, California, and more.

Onkst graduated in 2023 with his B.A. in visual art studies from Pennsylvania State University and plans to pursue an MFA in painting.

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