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You Won't Always Feel This Way

solo exhibition by Chris RWK
February 15th, 2025 - March 8th, 2025

NEW YORK CITY– Harman Projects is pleased to announce *You Won't Always Feel This Way*, the latest solo exhibition by NYC-based artist Chris RWK. Following up on the artist's 2023 solo exhibition with Harman Projects, Chris RWK returns with a body of work exploring texture and how it relates to things like time, emotions and inspirations.



Drawing inspiration from cartoons, comic books and his time as a graffiti writer, the artist has created a cast of cartoon-like characters that he has been developing over the past two decades. Centered in this cast of well-known characters is the eponymous robot and most iconic image in Chris RWK's work. These characters are revisited throughout the work, and can be found holding hearts, gathered in groups and sharing positive and hopeful messages while peering expectantly back at the viewer.

While working on *You Won't Always Feel This Way*, the artist spent time looking back on earlier archive works, some dating back over 25 years. A selection of these archive works will be exhibited in tandem with the new series, including stencils and Chris RWK's first t-shirt design, creating a deeper narrative and lineage of the artist's multi-decade practice.

About the exhibition, Chris RWK states, "a lot of the new pieces include layering and sanding. The feeling of gain and loss to reveal an end. The textures also show the layers of time that we encounter everyday. Things like walls being painted over and over again. The layers tell a story just like the rings inside a tree."

You Won't Always Feel This Way opens on Saturday, February 15th with a reception from 6 pm - 8 pm. For additional information, images, and feature interview content, email us at info@harmanprojects.com.

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WHAT

You Won't Always Feel This Way
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WHERE

Harman Projects
54 Ludlow Street
New York, NY 10002

WHEN

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RELEVANT LINKS

Harman Projects: <https://www.harmanprojects.com/>
ChrisRWK: <https://www.instagram.com/chrisrwk/?hl=en>

ABOUT THE ARTIST

A child of the 70's into the 80's, Chris RWK's world was completely flooded with the imagery and ideas presented by his television, comic books, and the music and movies of the time. Immersed in these various media, the artist began to store the images brought forward through these everyday experiences in what he refers to as his "mental journal". This journal was a haven of his thoughts that he could refer back to whenever necessary. Chris RWK's paintings frequently cite past conceptions of popular culture embedded in his psyche's cache. This use of intertextuality also serves to offer a comfort or familiarity of sorts to the viewer, frequently revealing everyday musings and people one would pass on the street without a second thought. These images also aid the artist in the creation of a visual language comprised of his own iconographic imagery. Through the repetition of this imagery, Chris RWK strives to familiarize his viewers with the language he has constructed. He believes that the notions within his pieces serve as a backbone to the many stories created by the viewer when he or she is experiencing the work.

ABOUT THE GALLERY

Harman Projects was founded in 2022 by curator and gallerist Ken Harman Hashimoto. Our goal is to provide an inclusive and welcoming environment to foster a community of likeminded artists, collectors, and art lovers in New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco and beyond. The focus at Harman Projects is broad but lies mainly in the *New Contemporary* genre, encompassing historical movements such as New York City graffiti and SoCal pop-surrealism alongside contemporary schools of art such as Bay Area abstracted realism, International muralism and Japanese-inspired SuperFlat.