

**Michael Robert Pollard**

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### **Artist Bio**

Michael Robert Pollard was born in Queens NY in 1970, raised in NYC, Tucson, Arizona, and the San Francisco Bay Area. Pollard attended the San Francisco Art Institute and graduated with honors in 1997 with a BFA in Painting and Drawing. Pollard has resided in Chicago, IL in 2004. A good art and baseball town.

Pollard's work has been shown across the United States. Partnering with Free Range, Center for Contemporary Arts, Sacramento, Third Coast Comics, Roman Susan, Vuseuvios, South Side Suburban College, Mess Hall, Community College of Rhode Island, and Sierra College.

### **Exhibition History**

Oli Watt/Michael Pollard (**upcoming**) @ the Commons Space Gallery @ the Art Gym, Denver CO, March-April 2022

New Work by Michael Robert Pollard (**Solo**) @ Free Range, Chicago, IL, June 2021

49 Expressions, (**virtual**), Presented by the 49<sup>th</sup> ward youth council. April 2021  
Communal Passages, (**virtual**), San Francisco Artist Alumni Group March 2021  
Blank Canvas 7 (**virtual**), Washington Reed Gallery, Culver City, CA, April 2021  
Exploring Quarantine, (**virtual**), Washington Reed Gallery, Culver City, CA, October 2020

Who's on First, or Marks and Tags Revisited, (**solo**) @ Ignition Project Space, Chicago IL. June 2019

A Dreamer of Pictures, New Work by Michael Robert Pollard (**solo**) @ Roman Susan, Chicago IL, March 2019

Sputnik Print Crawl @ Free Range, Chicago, IL. Summer 2018

Big Shoulders @ The Backroom (**solo**) @ Kim's Corner Grocery, Chicago, IL. April/May 2017.

Property, @ Rogers Park Historical Society, Chicago, IL. Spring 2017

Meat and Potatoes, (**Solo**) @ Gallery Side Car, Hammond, Indiana, November 2016.

Creature Comforts, SAIC, Chicago, IL

Sol Café, Artist Round Trip, Chicago, IL

No Sad Stuff, Flats, Chicago, IL

Bring On the Bad Guys @ Third Coast Comics, Chicago IL

Brave and Old Fashioned (**Solo**) @ Dorothea Thiel Gallery, South Suburban College, IL, 2015

Wide Open, @ Roman Susan Annex, Chicago, IL

Take Me to Your Leader @ Third Coast Comics

TMI, Michael Robert Pollard/ Alicia Renadette, Knight Gallery, Community

College of Rhode Island, Warwick, Rhode Island  
Martians and the letter U, **(solo)** Free Range, Chicago, IL  
Blank Canvas 2 @ Washington Reed Gallery, Culver City, CA  
Origin Stories @ Third Coast Comics  
Forgotten Heroes @ Third Coast Comics  
Prototypes: New Work by Michael R Pollard *(solo)* @ Gallery  
Side Car  
Artwork 6 @ Sullivan Gallery  
We are Awakening @ Gallery B13, Chicago  
Every Hour is Happy Hour: Danny Hein/Michael Robert Pollard  
@ Sidecar Gallery, Hamm  
FeastFest, @ Julius Ceaser, Chicago IL  
Making It, @ Mess Hall, Chicago IL  
Moments of Life defined through Marks and Tags @ Ridley Gallery, Sierra  
College, Rocklin, CA  
Loss and Hope @ Center for Contemporary Arts, Sacramento, CA  
Magnificent 7 @ Roma, Davis California  
Mallard Rocks SF, @ Vuseuvios (yes that Vuseuvios), SF, CA  
Me We, Justice League, SF, CA

### **Published Work**

Artist Spotlight: Michael Robert Pollard Pandhandler Magazine of University of  
West Florida, Pensacola.

<https://panhandlermagazine.com/2021/05/22/michael-robert-pollard/>

Desert Nostalgia drawing @ Bait/Switch Vol.1 #2

Communication, October 2020, Art publication unbound by  
property. <https://www.baitswit.ch/desert-nostalgia>

Rebuttal Drawing @ Bait/Switch: Exquisite Corpse Series: Yellow, Art  
Publication unbound by property <https://www.baitswit.ch/rebuttal>

Cover Art for Breaking and Entering: Poetry by DR Wagner,  
Lummo Press.

[https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18325456-  
breaking-and-entering](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18325456-breaking-and-entering)

### **Work Experience**

- Associate Project Manager @ YMCA of Metro Chicago
- Visiting Artist @ Senn Arts High School, Chicago IL, 2021
- Assistant Director of Facilities Services @The School of the Art Institute of  
Chicago.
- Art Show Curator @ Third Coast Comics
- Father of 2
- Education Assistant, Assistant Facilities & Security Supervisor @The David and  
Alfred Smart Museum at the University of Chicago,
- Exhibitions Coordinator The University of California @ Davis Design  
Museum, -Freelance Preparator
- 12 years in the restaurant industry
- Grad Studio Assistant The San Francisco Art Institute,
- Paper Boy
- Crossing Guard