

BRIAN KNOWLES

although born in orange, california, brian was raised in oklahoma. he has degrees in both biochemistry and painting. in addition to his mfa studies at the university of oregon, brian likes dj-ing and birdwatching.

ARTIST STATEMENT

I like shiny, sparkly things. I'm like a raccoon that won't let go of the shiny thing even though the hunters are coming to bludgeon him, or a crow that brings every sparkly thing it can find into its nest.

I remember the 'aha!' moment when I figured out that the only reason gold is valuable is that it's shiny, -well shiny and rare, unlike aluminum foil which is shiny and in my fridge.

I like colors, especially bright ones, and very especially orange.

I like orange a lot, and I don't wear black, ever.

I think there should be more bright colors in the world, and more glitter, more disco balls, more blinky lights, more fun, more joy, more happiness, more exuberance.

I like graffiti and Hawaiian shirts.

I like dancing.

I like irony.

I like puns.

I like spectacle.

I like losing track of time in my studio.

I like to play.

I don't like to cut corners, but I do like to take chances.