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**Who are you and what do you do?**

My name is Oliver Smith and I'm a graduate of Brighton University where I studied Illustration. Recently I have produced artwork that has developed into the motif of towers and abstract worlds filled with colourful shapes and playful designs.

**How has your practice changed over time?**

Prior to university my work was very abstract. I would use acrylic paint and splash away at the canvas. Over time my craft has become more refined, still remaining fairly abstract but with a more illustrative street art feel.

**What themes do you pursue?**

Abstract expressionism is a big influence and I use this style to pursue the theme of vibrant urban landscapes and futuristic portraits.

**Name three artists who have influenced your work**

Early influences from artists such as Basquiat, Picasso and Kandinsky have fed into my work and by adding a slightly modern twist the work, hopefully, comes into its own.

**What couldn't you live without?**

Things I absolutely couldn't live without are music and film. I find these two things massively influential in my art and life in general. They can pick up your spirit and get you into a creative or positive mindset.

