Artist-in-Residence

John Haiduk
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WESTERLY LIBRARY
& WILCOX PARK

Community Canvas Session
Saturday, May 16th, 11 AM-2 PM, Wilcox Park

John Haiduk, known as SKRIBBLES, is a multidisciplinary artist originally from New Jersey and currently based at Western Avenue Studios and Lofts in Lowell, Massachusetts. His practice spans drawing, writing, coding, painting, and fabrication. Today he spends most of his time designing digital and physical systems that support his creative process. Across all mediums, his philosophy centers on creating order out of chaos.

Haiduk's practice grew from a lifelong habit of scribbling in the classroom. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in Mechanical Engineering from Manhattan College and was employed in the manufacturing software field early in his career. During this period he built his art practice around his free time outside his day job, splitting those hours between independent projects, volunteering at local arts organizations, and collaborating with friends on creative endeavors. Through those pursuits he developed his passion for drawing, writing and coding.

His art evolved into self-taught painting informed by abstraction and improvisation. This led him to participate in speed painting competitions and open mic nights, and eventually host his own events for fellow artists. His professional experience expanded into designing digital systems and automations, culminating in a role leading a global support team for a technology startup during the pandemic. He later applied this expertise to both independent and client projects, branching into fabrication and physical design as he created spaces and tools to support his practice.

Relocating to Western Avenue Studios and Lofts shaped Haiduk's practice through exposure to its community of 350+ working artists. Two years after moving there, he became involved with Refuge Art School, an after-school nonprofit that has provided accessible arts education, mentorship and paid roles to Lowell youth since 2014. He now helps run the school while pursuing opportunities that push his work beyond Lowell.

During this eight-week residency at Westerly Library and Wilcox Park, Haiduk will continue his painting series on upcycled door panels. Much of this project will be created outdoors in the park or during sessions at local venues. Live painting was once the primary way Haiduk shared his art with the public and he is excited to bring that energy to Westerly. He will also host community canvas sessions near the Cottage, inviting the public to paint alongside him. These pop-ups reflect his passion for collaboration by creating accessible entry points for anyone to engage with art.

Learn more about John and our AIR program here:
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