

Devin Wesley Artist Statement

Devin Wesley's artistry highlights the depth of human expression in its uninhibited state. His work, created exclusively in black and white, is an exploration of the duality most often seen in contrasting perspectives. He compels us to expand our understanding of the world as we navigate the inner workings of our own consciousness. Wesley examines topics such as gender expression, racism, trauma, and self-love, hoping to challenge static beliefs in how we often perceive these subjects. Wesley believes it's important to celebrate the emotional complexities within all humans. While both thought provoking and healing, Wesley's work is always in service of expressing the divinity of Black people. His recent works explore Black identity and power through adversity.

One of his latest works, *Surrender*, is a physical representation and personification of balance. Wesley believes that life is a multifaceted journey with both positive and negative experiences. He understands that each is equally important and one cannot exist without the other. *Surrender* illustrates a man who has made the choice to release his resistance and embrace the ever-changing path of his own existence. Wesley hopes to demonstrate in this piece that with acceptance, comes freedom and true power.

Devin is a Southern California native, originally born in Laguna Niguel and now lives in Los Angeles, California.