

***defiantly happy***

**mashell black**



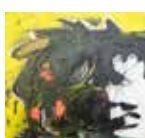
1. "Satalite" 2022  
oil on canvas  
24x24in - **\$2,000**



2. "Woodpecker" 2021  
oil on wood  
31x48in - **\$4,000**



3. "The Bug" 2020  
oil on wood  
31x48in - **\$4,000**



4. "Shooting Stars" 2022  
oil on canvas  
24x24in - **\$2,000**



5. "Night Light" 2022  
oil on canvas  
60x70in - **\$8,500**



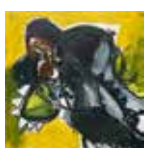
6. "Morning Dew" 2022  
oil on canvas  
48x48in - **\$5,500**



7. "Selfish" 2022  
oil on canvas  
54.5x45.5in - **\$5,800**



8. "Cotton Candy" 2022  
oil on canvas  
54x54in - **\$6,500**



9. "Kiss" 2022  
oil on canvas  
48x48in - **\$5,500**



10. "The Mouse" 2022  
oil on canvas  
48x48in - **\$5,500**



11. "Irish" 2022  
oil on canvas  
56x48" - **\$6,000**

Over the last three years, artist **Mashell Black** spent his days and nights consumed by the news of police brutality on the African American community and by the weight of the pandemic on his own mortality. Happiness seemed far-fetched and freedom was limited to his home and backyard.

At times, the weight of watching the effects of police brutality on the African American community and the pandemic seemed too much to bear. Though emotionally drained with fear, Mashell made a conscious decision to celebrate life despite the current climate of the world.

***Defiantly Happy*** is a series of works created using bold colors and strokes and punctuated with Mashell's signature splashes. These works capture the ills that plagued his emotions but they also capture the landscapes around him, playgrounds and happy times spent with his family. These works are emotionally charged, yet playful and witty and beckons the viewer to be a part of Mashell's experience. Through his work, Mashell reminds us that though pain and fear is a part of our daily lives, we have to balance it with our own dose of happiness.

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