

ELIJAH LEE ROSS

b. 2004, Kansas City, MO

Lives and Works in Chicago, IL

#### ARTIST BIO

Elijah Ross is a visual artist from Kansas City, Missouri, with a specific focus on painting. His father is a graffiti artist, and alongside his contemporaries, he was responsible for helping to establish the scene in Kansas City and/ or the Midwest. This unique upbringing fostered an early interest in the visual arts and encouraged idiosyncratic personal expression. Building a hyper-specific visual identity was highly valued in the household and was introduced to a wide gamut of jazz, hip-hop, photography, and illustrations, all focusing on the “odd” or “weird.” This all led and culminated in enrollment in The School of the Art Institute of Chicago for a Bachelors in Fine Art, where his practice began to take shape, and his interest in archetypal and self-mythologized work solidified—taking with him the influence of graphic artists and their techniques and merging it within the historical context of oil painting. His practice centers on creating experiential moments, collective myths, and evoking human emotional responses.