

Richart Ruddle Art Collection

Good art comes with a great story. In my growing collection many of the pieces come with a good story or a pattern. In a short period of just 3 years I've started to grow an art collection that includes Picasso, Andy Warhol, Yayoi Kusama, Takashi Murakami, Alec Monopoly, David Yarrow, and many more up and coming artists or just pieces that I've been attracted to for one reason or another. It's an honor to be able to share with Art Daily some of the masterworks that I'm lucky enough to be able to look at on a daily basis.

If you're attending Art Basel or Frieze you'll notice one thing about the majority of the buyers of fine art are not millennials. As one of my art dealers says "the smart young art enthusiasts purchase art because they know both the long term value and the joy of being able to look at a Picasso while you're having dinner." As both a long term investment and appreciation for fine art below are some of the pieces in my home and the stories that accompany them:

Alec Monopoly: DJ Monopoly Acrylic on canvas



One of the first pieces I purchased. After having a dialogue with Alec and his brother Avery there was a piece I was really craving called Richie on Rodeo. It wasn't available they told me and they weren't offering commissioned pieces (at that time at least) and so I ended up purchasing via Graffik Gallery in London my first collectable. This piece is special to me because of my love of music and having the DJ theme while being a beautifully vibrant piece.

Federek: Chart on Las Olas



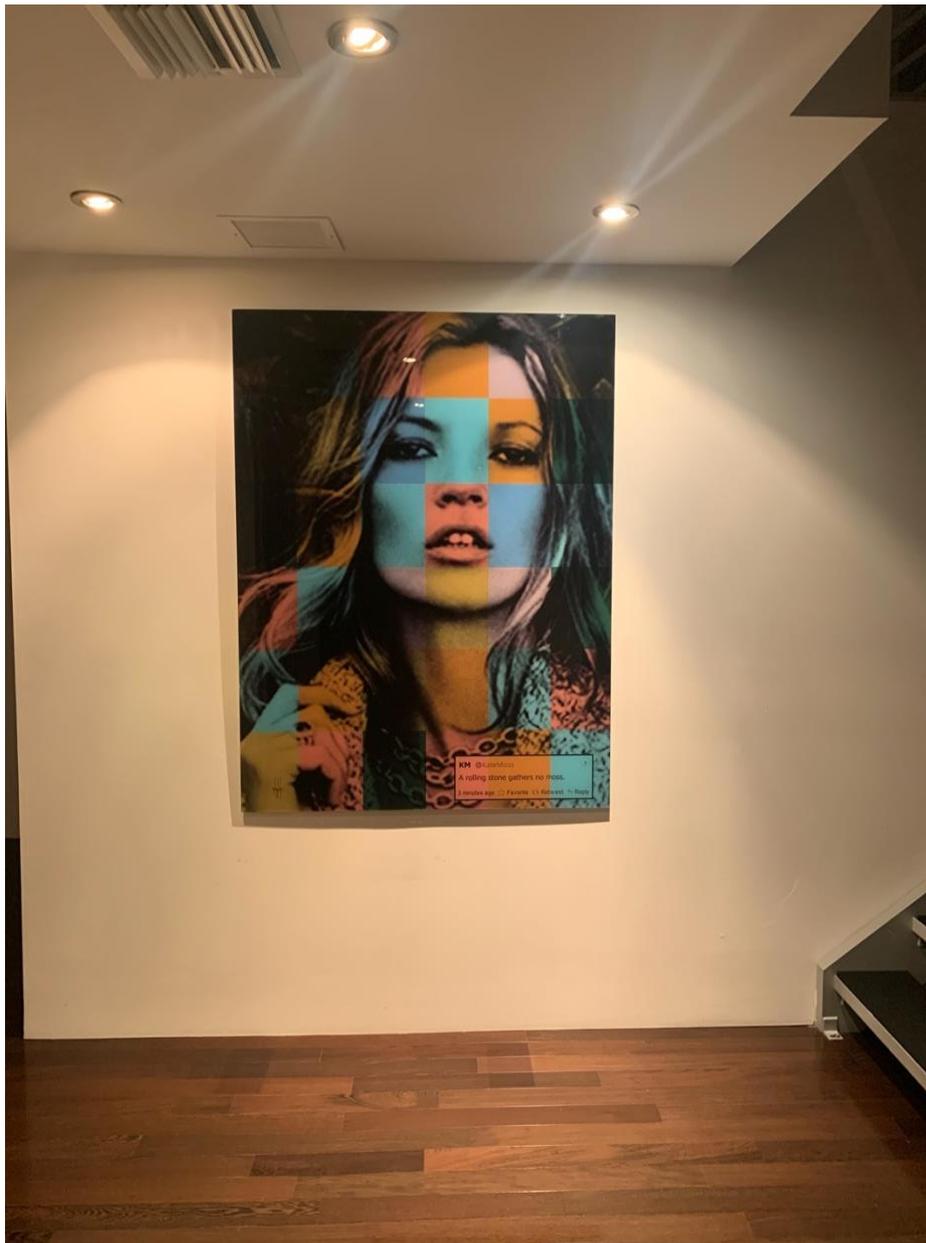
As I mentioned earlier great stories and themes make art that much more enjoyable. Since I wasn't able to get the Richie on Rodeo piece an up and coming street artist friend of mine from New York City named Federek offered to do his version of the same piece. Often times people come into the home and think this is a Monopoly piece. Some of the great themes about this piece are that it intersects my hometown of Fort Lauderdale, Florida's main street: Las Olas with Beverly Hills most famous street Rodeo Drive. In addition there are a few other personalizations in the piece which include the 410 address which is my hometown of Baltimore, Maryland's area code, the Chanel being re-named Chart, and I used to drive a White Bentley that was artistically included in the final piece.

Shawn Kolodny: Kate Moss Send = (NU)des



Another New York City artist that helped to inspire me to learn more about the art world. We flew back to South Florida on a shared private jet discussing art and eating Bonchon's famous Korean fried chicken dishes. Shawn made a big splash at Art Basel 2017 and prior to that he inspired me to start reading *Seven Days in the Art World* & Don Johnson's *The \$12 Million Dollar Stuffed Shark* which starts off detailing Steve Cohens purchase of Damien Hirsts creation. Kolodny's pieces at the time consisted of real mathematical equations something as a numbers guy I was drawn to. As you'll see below this then led to a theme in the collection even if I didn't know who Kate Moss was prior to this.

Alejandro Vigilante: Kate Moss



One thing I've learned with art in your home is that you can redecorate your home by just moving pieces around the house. When I saw this acrylic Kate Moss piece by artist Alejandro Vigilante I knew it would match up well with the other Kate Moss in the house.

Pablo Picasso - L'Écuyère



Picasso has long been one of my favorite artists since I was a little kid. It's incredible how much we learn about art in our youth but don't even recognize it till later in life how art is so influential in our daily lives. Picasso being one of the most well known artists in the world it's an honor to have one of his pieces and I look forward to acquiring more of his pieces one day.

Yayoi Kusama – Infinity Nets



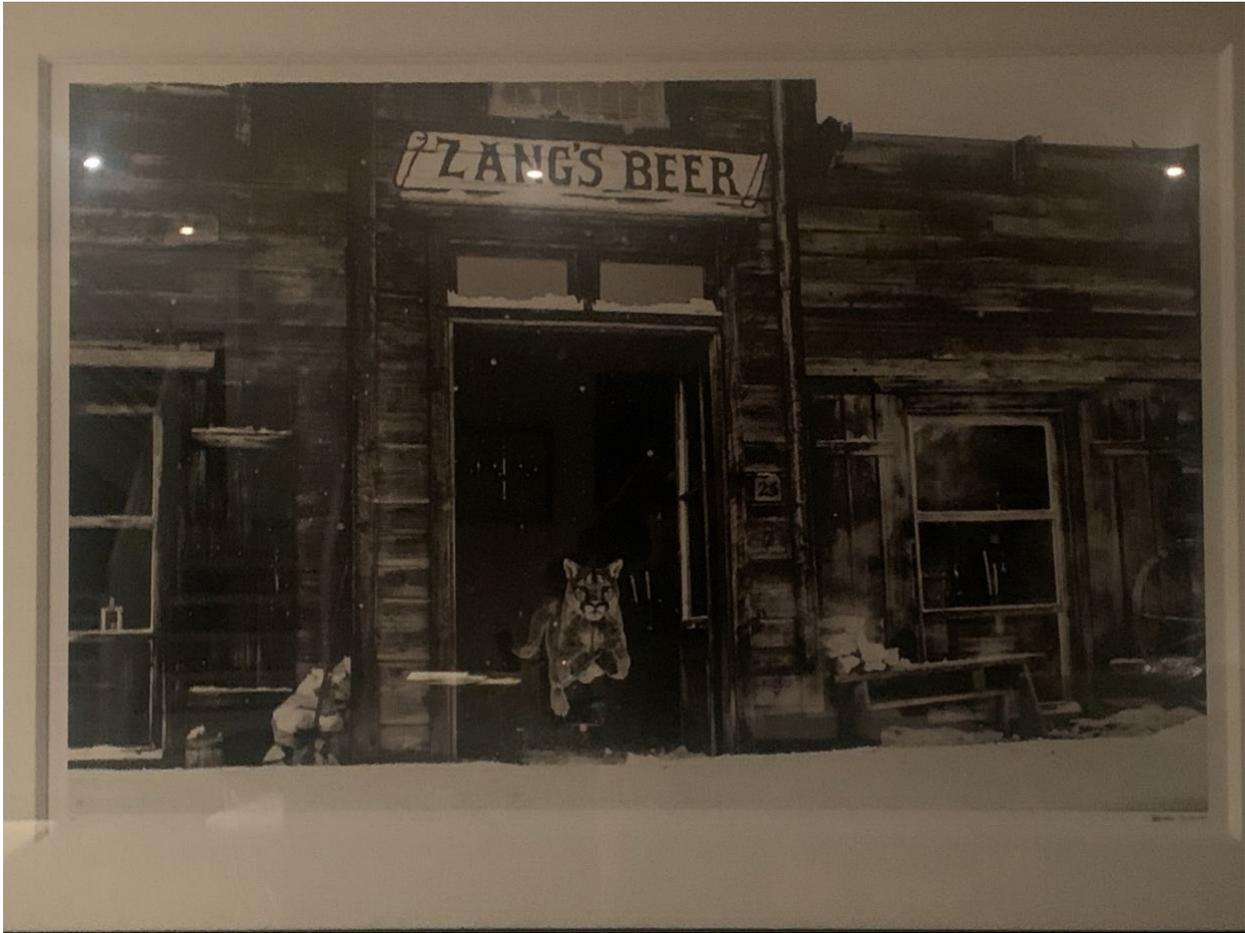
One of my favorite living artists for just how incredible her life story is and how her mind works. After attending her exhibit at the Broad Museum in Los Angeles I was driven to start acquiring some of Kusamas works.

Yayoi Kusama - Woman



One of the newest pieces shipped from Japan and is so appealing on so many levels in my opinion.

David Yarrow - Wild Wild West



I first discovered David's work at a Gallery in Dallas, Texas. The exhibit was enthralling and he had such a story to tell with each and every piece. This one in particular was thought to be photoshopped. He had to provide the negatives to prove otherwise that with patience and persistence you can capture once in a lifetime shots like this where the Mountain Lion is jumping out of the bar in West Yellowstone, Montana. Shortly after this was sold Yarrow set a record at Sothebys for a similar piece selling for \$100,000.

David Yarrow – Closing Time



Sticking with themes we get the Mountain Lion jumping out of the bar and not he's roaming outside the bar in a magnificent shot.

Andy Warhol – Mick Jagger



Dual signed by Mick Jagger and Andy Warhol this is the very last edition ever made numbered 250/250. While I'm not a huge fan of Warhol pieces this one is even better in person.

Hope you enjoyed and see the original piece at: <https://artdaily.com/news/122509/Richart-Ruddie-on-his-art-collection> and follow my blog at: <https://richartruddie.typepad.com/entrepreneur/>

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