



## A TO Z WINEWORKS' ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM FOLDS ART INTO WINERY AND COMMUNITY LIFE

**Newberg, Oregon (March 2, 2022)**

A to Z Wineworks is pleased to announce their **2022 Artist-in-Residence, Nieko Giancarlo McDaniel**.



McDaniel, with an MFA from American University in Washington, D.C., is an Adjunct Art Professor for North Carolina's Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and Southern California's Palo Verde College and began his A to Z Wineworks residency in November of 2021. Growing up in Southern California, McDaniel was influenced by an urban lifestyle of graffiti, street art, hip-hop, and rap. He is interested in world-building, recognizing that we try to escape the current world through simulation and invention. Using repurposed materials, McDaniel makes work about identity and escapism influenced by literature, music, movies, comics, television, and video games. Three of McDaniel's "Yarn Bombings" are installed in the production areas of the winery where they enliven space for staff members.

An exhibition of abstract paintings by **A to Z Wineworks' second Artist in Residence, Hadley Hatcher**, is installed in REX HILL's loft gallery above the tasting room and additional paintings by Hatcher as well as photos documenting the hard work of winemaking by **British photographer, Adrian Chitty, A to Z Wineworks' first Artist-in-Residence**, are on display in the REX HILL hospitality center. A special interactive gallery event with Hatcher and a wine flight will be held on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-3:00. More information at [www.REXHILL.com](http://www.REXHILL.com).



**Applications for A to Z Wineworks' fourth Artist-in-Residence** are being accepted. The 15-month immersion program offers the opportunity to work and respond artistically over the course of a full vintage. The Artist-in-Residence initially joins the seasonal harvest crew that A to Z recruits each year, now boasting 269 alumni from 18 countries. Following the initial harvest, the Artist-in-Residence receives support from A to Z and access to staff and properties for a year of artistic reflection and creation. During the residency's second harvest, time is split between winery and artistic work. The residency concludes with a public showcase of some of the year's work through a gallery showing, lecture, reading, and/or performance. For information on the program, prospective applicants can email Michelle Candelaria at [michelle@atozwineworks.com](mailto:michelle@atozwineworks.com).

### **About A to Z Wineworks**

A to Z Wineworks captures "The Essence of Oregon" by carefully blending wines true to their variety exclusively sourced from Oregon vineyards. The family-owned company sets the standard for cool climate, food-friendly Oregon Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, and Chardonnay. In 2014, A to Z Wineworks became a certified B Corporation, earning recognition as a 'Best for the World,' top 5% B Corp every year since. For more information visit [www.AtoZwineworks.com](http://www.AtoZwineworks.com).



1 Adrian Chitty image



2 Nieko Giancarlo McDaniel's piece Camouflaged



3 REX HILL Loft gallery displaying Hadley Hatcher's paintings