MAHLON CATHEY

Abstract Artist | Founder, Third Person Studios

Lee's Summit, Missouri | thirdpersonstudios.com

ARTIST PROFILE

Abstract artist whose practice grew through late-night painting in a home garage, where making art became a way to process emotion, experiment freely, and communicate what was difficult to express in words. Working primarily in acrylic and mixed media, Cathey builds tactile, layered surfaces using paint, joint compound, resin, palette knives, and hand-applied texture. His guiding phrase is "What I Couldn't Say in Words."

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

2023-Present **Founder & Abstract Artist, Third Person Studios - Lee's Summit, Missouri**

- Creates original abstract acrylic and mixed-media work centered on emotion, memory, identity, mental health, and personal interpretation.
- Exhibits throughout the Kansas City region and manages portfolio development, festival presentation, direct sales, merchandise, and community-facing art experiences.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS & ART EVENTS

2026 **18th & Vine Arts Festival** - Kansas City, Missouri
2025 **UrbanKore Art Exposition** - Kansas City, Missouri
2025 **Ameristar Casino Hotel Kansas City - Solo Exhibition** - Kansas City, Missouri
2025 **Fourth Fridays** - Downtown Lee's Summit, Missouri
2025 **Fall Field Day** - Lee's Summit, Missouri

PUBLIC ART & PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

2026 City of Lee's Summit Public Artist Roster
2025-Present Summit Art - Juried Member

PRESS & MEDIA

2025 Studios Inc - “A Visit to the UrbanKore”
Featured artist photograph and exhibition coverage of the UrbanKore Art Exposition.

MEDIA & METHODS

Acrylic paint • Mixed media • Joint compound • Resin • Alcohol ink • Palette knife • Hand-applied texture • Layered and tactile surfaces

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL LINKS

Third Person Studios | Lee's Summit Public Artist Roster | Summit Art Profile