

BIOGRAPHY

Shayna Shenanigans (aka Shayna Yasuhara) is a Boston-based artist originally from sunny CA. The fuzzy animals, clown masks, balloons, everyday appliances and scary flowers that often appear in her work are meant to be playful yet purposely confusing. Her work is inspired largely by the phenomenon in which the mind seems to morph inanimate objects from comforting to eerie; much like how a coat rack can be just a coat rack or an absolutely horrifying human form in the dark. The messages and storylines in her paintings are also purposely scrambled and vague, leaving the viewer to "Choose Their Own Adventure".

Her work has been shown at such places as Urban Outfitters, the adidas Originals store and the SXSW Music Festival. For more info and art samples visit: www.myspace.com/shaynashenangians.

Aside from pursuing her own art Shayna Yasuhara is also the founder of "Paint Pens in Purses" which is an all-female urban art series. The series started in the summer of 2008 and has involved over 15 artists of all mediums; including photography, stop animation, film, illustration, painting and street art brought to canvas. The series has been sponsored by Scion, Sharpie, adidas and The Weekly Dig to name a few. For information on this series visit: www.myspace.com/paintpensinpurses.