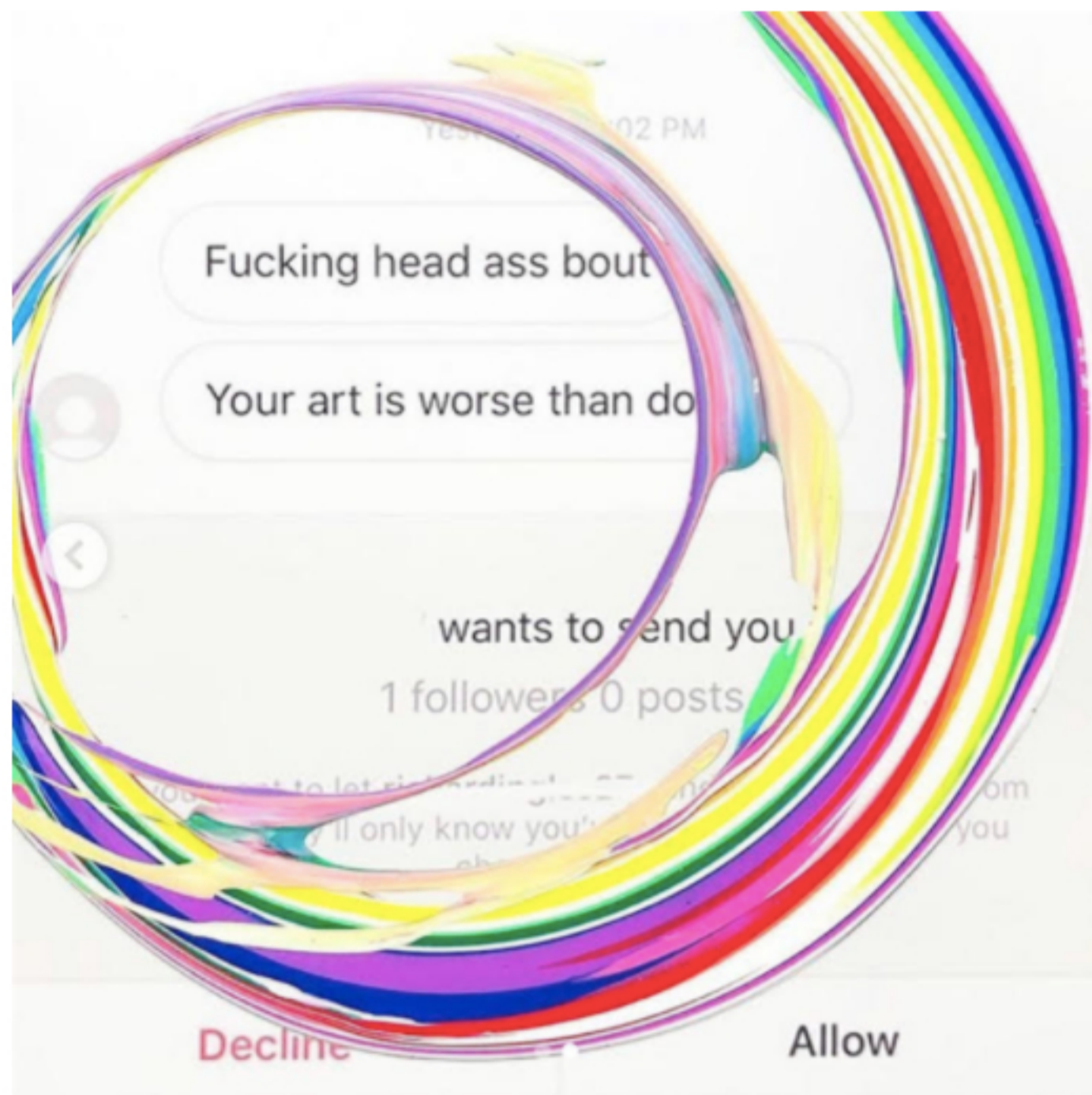


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One artist is combating hate speech in a truly Canadian style: positive, engaging, and embracing diversity - without letting the negativity get the best of him!

The canvas is blank except for the words, "I hope you die" printed across the middle. The message, received via Instagram direct message, is representative of Ontario's rise in hate crime and hate speech. The person on the receiving end of this cruel attack is Canadian abstract artist Callen Schaub. And he for one, has had enough.

Starting last Friday, Callen began an inspiring series of LIVES, painting over seven canvases covered in hateful comments he has received over the course of his career. This is all part of his 31 DAYS LIVE in December in which he brings his healing art to those feeling alone this time of year. Callen is inviting all victims of hate speech and harassment to draw strength and inspiration from these LIVES.

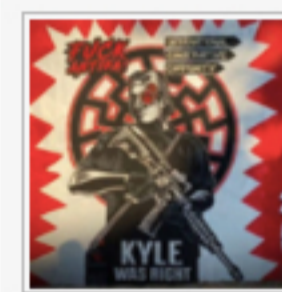
Viewers will be enthralled as Callen uses paint, natural forces and machines to cover the canvases. Callen has rejected the art world's implied exclusivity in an approach he calls The Fake Art Movement. Through it he tries to educate, inspire and raise awareness about anti-cyberbullying. Callen is a prominent advocate for mental health awareness

The LIVES allows Callen to engage directly with his audience expressing his emotions through colour. Callen's use of vibrant colours represents a spectrum of energy and emotion, encouraging reaction and interpretation of his works.

Join the brilliant abstract artist as he goes LIVE at 5pm EST every day in December on both Instagram and Tiktok. Known for his bold and thought-provoking contemporary art Callen, is inspired to conclude this very challenging year with a message of hope.

In January, in support of mental wellness, Callen will go offline on social media. To represent his silence, he will post a 6 foot blank heart canvas, painted in UV reactive paint with the words "Just because you can't see it, doesn't mean it's not there."

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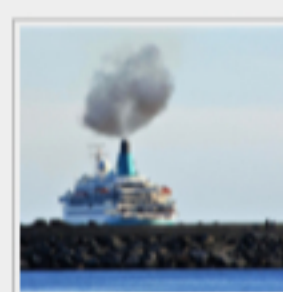


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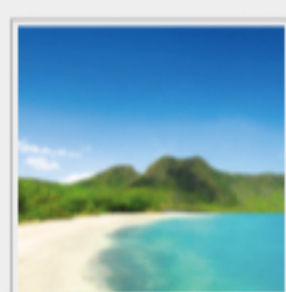
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