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## ***Valiant Studios’ Collective “Artist Bio”***

*“We understand this term [Art Brut (“Raw Art”), as] works produced by persons unscathed by artistic culture, where mimicry plays little or no part. These artists derive everything...from their own depths, and not from the conventions of classical or fashionable art.”*

- Jean Dubuffet, *Art Brut Manifesto*

The term “Raw Art” or “Outsider Art” broadly refers to artists with no formal training, but primarily it has come to describe the work created by artists with disabilities. Today, Outsider Art is a thriving movement with a devoted following. A strong advocator and facilitator of this movement is *Resources for Human Development* (RHD), who has long embraced art programs for people of all abilities as a means of offering creativity-based healing and learning opportunities. Our program through RHD empowers people to realize their creative potential and explore various means of personal expression, while questioning traditional notions of aesthetics and expanding exclusive definitions of art. *Valiant Studios* is a non-profit, arts and music-based program designed for adults who experience developmental disabilities, providing the opportunity for people of all ability levels to use the arts to develop their passion, creativity, and self-expression. Our studios currently support over 25 artists and employs trained art professionals, promoting diversity in an array of arts disciplines.

Celebrating the unique abilities each of our artists bring to our creative environment and generating a dialogue with the local and national art community, *Valiant Studios’* artists have been exhibited in various venues, including the *Omaha Design Center*, the *Bemis Center for Contemporary Art*, *Petshop*, *Hot Shops*, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. We have also showcased works at multifaceted art venues including *RAW*, *Omaha Zine Fest*, and exhibited with *Imagine That! Studios* in Kansas City, MO.

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