

Malcolm McCrae Bio

Malcolm “Airbrush Assassin” McCrae is a full-time artist, author, entrepreneur, and motivational speaker who embraces creativity and art as a lifestyle. He has been an artist for over 20 years and is a leading educational authority in this topic, delivering lectures and training classes, producing instructional programs and publishing books.

The most important aspect of McCrae’s message is to not only create, but to inspire. He focuses on working with youth but is also called on by other at-risk groups, educators, institutions, and corporations. He believes art has the opportunity and power to change lives. “I’m one of those people that can honestly say that, there have been many instances in my life growing up in an urban environment, where I was that at-risk youth that everyone talks about, but the art and creativity saved my life”, Malcolm says. From a young age, that was his quest. To seek out as much knowledge as possible on how to be the best creative he could be, and dedicate his life to doing just that.

As a self-taught artist Malcolm acknowledges how difficult it was for him to gain the skills required to be a successful urban artist as well as the knowledge needed to develop and grow a thriving business. This lack of books and instructional materials had a long-lasting impact on Malcolm. From that time on McCrae says, “I made a conscious commitment to myself to create resources that would help instruct and inspire the next generation of artists”.

In spite of the lack of resources, Malcolm was determined to follow his dreams, and at an early age he began working out of his basement, on street corners, in a music store, and eventually had his own shop making a six-figure income. He used his skills to earn money for his family and to stay out of trouble.

Malcolm travels around the world inspiring people through art. Malcolm's artwork has been exhibited at galleries, festivals, and fundraisers. He has toured with the African American Contemporary Art Exhibits. He describes his work as "Urban Fusion"; the fusion of life experiences, passion and creativity.

In 2013, McCrae published his memoir "*To Live, To Create, To Inspire; How Art Saved My Life*" taking readers on a journey with his inspiring and empowering story. He describes his pain and poverty of sleeping in abandoned buildings in the unforgiving Ohio winters to finding purpose and prosperity. Malcolm shares his practical values for success, and how art and creativity saved his life as an at-risk youth. The book gives an in depth look into urban America and the challenges of overcoming poverty and an unforgiving environment, detailing his struggles and successes. McCrae also provides valuable insight on how anyone can use their sense of creativity to accomplish their dreams. "I have spent my whole life living with this friend called creativity. To most it is only a word, but to me it represents 37 years of who I am. It's important that you know I was homeless and hopeless and something so simple as art changed and saved my life. I encourage every reader to use this book as a guide to help inspire the creative in you."

Malcolm was born August 24, 1980 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and currently resides in Cape Girardeau, Missouri where he operates a facility designed for people to learn, share, and be inspired through art.

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