

## DUKEN DELPE BIOGRAPHY

Delpe is an award-winning local artist, with a huge passion for his art. He most recently ranked # 1 from 737 artworks representing the USA in the final of Art Olympia International 2015 competition in Tokyo. He has studios in both SOWA and Whitman, but he calls Brockton home. Delpe brings his children to Fuller Craft Museum often. When we approached him about designing the festival stage, he agreed to do so with the vision of creating an interactive, sculpture that the entire audience could participate in creating, a sculpture that could also be seen from afar, reflecting the beauty and ingenuity that Brockton has to offer.

Born in Carrefour, Port-au-Prince, Haiti under the regime of Jean Claude Duvalier, Delpe is youngest of five children and was raised by a strong and creative Haitian woman. He began exploring his passion for art at age ten, and as an adult started his first painting because an artist friend questioned him: "Why don't you start your own painting? You are wasting your talent and your gift if you don't." It has been at least seventeen years since Duken Delpe completed his first painting and dreamed about becoming a self-made artist. Since then, Duken Delpe has painted his intrigues, dreams, fears, frustrations and happiness. His work consists of paintings, sculptures, collages, and installation art. Delpe works with symbols, geometric and organic patterns, found objects and words. He uses recyclables like a palette of discovered colors. Often sanding, weaving, shaping the metals into sculpted masterpieces.

### EDUCATION:

- 1996      Diploma in chemistry, Chemtek, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
- 2004      BSE in Chemical Engineering, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, Massachusetts.
- 2007      Certificate Practical Nursing, Mass Bay Community College Wellesley Hill, Massachusetts.

### SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITION:

- 2012      Brockton Public library, Brockton, Mass.

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITION:

- 2012      Archit8 Studio, 11 spring St., Marion, Mass.
- 2013      Southeastern Mass Artisan Expo, Marion, Mass
- 2014      Bromfield Gallery, Boston, Mass
- 2015      Exhibition of Art Olympia International Competition 2015      To-  
shima Ecomusee Town at a new Toshima City Government Office Building  
(Ikebukuro, Tokyo)
- 2015      Bromfield Gallery, Boston, Mass

### HONORS AND AWARDS:

- 2014 Finalist in Bromfield Gallery art Competition, Boston, Mass
- 2015 Gregory Amenoff Jury Award “The Deity of Best ART” in Art Olympia International Competition 2015, in Tokyo.
- 2015 Rank # 8 from 4,173 artworks for General Category in Art Olympia International Competition 2015, in Tokyo.
- 2015 Rank # 1 from 737 artworks representing theUSA in the final of Art Olympia International competition 2015, in Tokyo.

**Public Collections:**

- 2015 The ‘Living National Treasure’ Museum in Ikebukuro, Tokyo Japan.

