





Ramiken  
389 Grand Street  
New York, NY 10002

OMARI DOUGLIN

*Wave Gods 2*

April 27 - May 28, 2023

Ramiken extends a warm welcome to the audience of Omari Douglin's first exhibition with the gallery, *Wave Gods 2*. Returning to an idea he first explored several years ago in *Wave Gods*, Douglin creates for us unique figurative sculptures resonating as deities, gods, and spiritual beings. Drawing inspiration from the tradition of piñata making, Douglin fabricated his sculptures in Mexico, from sketches detailing the faces, clothing and accessories, while other decisions were executed by his own hands.

"I got the idea to do a drawing and have one made. I thought what if I made a Black one? One that looked like me? I hadn't seen that before and I was curious about the possibility of finding myself in a culture that felt foreign, but also really familiar," says Douglin.

Douglin transforms the Piñata, usually created for a celebration ending in an explosion of candy and sweets, into a sculpture standing tall, becoming something that is sweet, but which cannot be consumed. Like a figurine or ancient vessel, the sculptures stand poised with their arms out, mimicking the Ankh, an African symbol representing eternal life and regarded as the original cross. Some figures stand on shelves, stepping forward, ready to jump or fly, while others are preoccupied in the act of ascension.

Omari Douglin was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1992. He lives and works in Los Angeles.

Ramiken is open Wednesday - Sunday, 12-6pm.

For more information please call the gallery at +1(917) 434-4245, or email Emily Berger at [emily@ramiken.biz](mailto:emily@ramiken.biz).



Omari Douglin  
*Kodak, Bubblegum Blower, Magician*  
2022-2023.  
Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam,  
paint, wood  
97 x 66 x 26 inches



Omari Douglin  
*Super Saiyan 4, Super Saiyan*  
2023  
Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam,  
scarf, paint, wood  
69 x 60 x 26 inches



Omari Douglin  
*Purple Swag, Hot Head*

2023

Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam,  
fabric, cotton, paint, wood

86 x 64 x 24 inches



Omari Douglin  
*COVID Guy, Music Lover, Mr. One  
Free from Foot Locker, The Original,  
Lakers Fan*  
2022-2023  
Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam,  
paint, wood  
109 x 85 x 140 inches



Omari Douglin

*Super Hero*

2023

Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam,  
paint, wood

42 x 65 x 13 inches





Omari Douglin  
*Orangehead, Airbender, Hood Count, Rabbi*  
2023  
Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam,  
paint, wood  
134 x 100 x 30 inches



Omari Douglin  
*Pumpkin Masher, Irishman, Cutie*  
2023  
Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam,  
fabric, cotton, paint, wood  
98 x 58 x 26 inches



Omari Douglin  
*Train Conductor, Guido, Bully, High  
Delivery Guy, Graduate, Smilaholic*  
2023  
Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam,  
paint, wood  
227 x 98 x 53 inches



Omari Douglin  
*Chatterbox, Cowboy, Christian, Brim  
Head, Baseball Fan, China Man,  
Muslim, Pirate Chef, Fisher Price,  
Alien, Spiritual Being, Yeat, Peasy  
Head, Astronaut, Wave God, Black  
Jew, Halloween Fit, Elvis, RN, Priest,  
Smiley*  
2023  
Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam,  
string  
183 x 96 x 60 inches



Omari Douglin

*Rapper*

2023

Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam

47 x 33 x 12 inches



Omari Douglin

*Fillmore*

2023

Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam

46 x 33 x 12 inches



Omari Douglin

*Heavyweight*

2023

Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam, foil,  
gold leaf

46 x 33 x 12 inches



Omari Douglin

*Jah*

2023

Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam

46 x 33 x 12 inches





Omari Douglin

*Knicks Fan*

2023

Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam

45 x 33 x 12 inches



Omari Douglin

*Cig Kid*

2023

Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam

47 x 33 x 12 inches



Omari Douglin

*Token*

2023

Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam

54 x 33 x 12 inches



Omari Douglin

*Gardener*

2023

Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam

50 x 33 x 12 inches



Omari Douglin

*Executioner*

2023

Cardboard, paper, glue, wire, foam

47 x 33 x 12 inches



















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