

# **SAM CHATHAM**

## **Artist Statement 2019**

I create what I would consider art as a way for me to express what happens in my life on a daily basis. I want to create things that relate to my experiences, my emotions and thoughts, the good and bad, and even convey my likes and distains.

Being able to communicate how I see the world to another person is one of the most important things for me. It is the primal desire to feel accomplished, to feel that satisfaction after a hard day's work and have something to show for it. What I believe is real and worthwhile is achieving a personal relationship with our Creator, and sharing with others your sense of understanding in this chaotic world. Some will understand this and others will scoff at it, but this is what it means to be human, to have your own voice, opinions and thoughts.

This is one of the many things I try to express through my work is to never be afraid to be yourself, to have the confidence within yourself to live life without fear. Something I believe that cannot be taken lightly is that no one on this Earth can define who we are, that is entirely up to us as individuals. I have always loved to explore realms outside our perceived reality whether this is through science fiction movies, video games, or comics it has always influenced my work.

Another love of mine has been skating and surfing, ever since I had enough coordination to do so I have been on some type of board always loving that feeling of being connected with the Earth in lateral motion. Exploring these themes has always lead me back towards art styles such as comic book illustrations, sci-fi concepts, character illustration, and the open world of skate and textile graphics. From a young age I knew that I wanted to create my own brand of clothing and skateboards doing all of the branding from logo designs, packaging and illustrations myself.