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## What 11 Artists Have Created During Quarantine

For these inspiring minds, sheltering in place has brought with it the ability to tap into untold creativity

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Artist Robert Nava stands beside an untitled acrylic and marker on canvas work. Photo: Courtesy of the artist

Sheltering in place for at least two months has meant different things to everyone: new work-from-home situations, uncertainty, and adjustments to the new normal. In light of shifting situations around the globe, *AD* wanted to discover what quarantine has meant to various artists working in isolation and what effect this unprecedented time has had on their work and creativity.

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Robert Nava, untitled work, acrylic and marker on canvas. Photo: Courtesy of the artist

Emerging American painter Robert Nava has spent his isolation living and working in his Brooklyn studio. There is a raw energy that inhabits his canvas of thick paint and linework, with subjects that have been described as fantastical monsters. “Being lucky to live in the studio, and being able to paint in this time, really has shown me that art making can be such a therapeutic process on the soul,” Nava says. “Art can hopefully serve as a glimmer of hope during a time of doubt, across all genres.” Speaking of the above work created during the pandemic, Nava continues, “I was wanting to be something of an unseen myth, in a sense of being a protector and propelling forward. I wanted its face to show determination. The work is trying to look forward to what’s next.”

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