

TREK6

In the last 4 years, Trek Six has steadily built a reputation as one of the most potent talents on the resurrected Miami street art scene through vibrant, near-psychedelic pieces that crackle with rhythm and spirit. However, to describe Trek Six as a street artist alone fails to encapsulate the breadth and adventurousness of his work, which spills off of the walls and comes to life both on the canvas and through the speakers.

As a musician, Trek Six has been the first laptop performer to present his work at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Puerto Rico, and also provided the score to *El Jardin de Frutas Prohibida*, an installation by noted artist Charles Juhaz at the Bienial de Soa Pablo. More recently however, it's been his murals and live paintings at various music venues and concerts throughout Miami that have gained him a new audience and created a rising demand for his work. His latest pieces capture the primal, passionate undercurrents of music from across the Diaspora, be it Puerto Rican bomba or salsa, American hip-hop, or African afrobeat. Whether they're paintings of musical icons such as Fela Kuti or Ruben Blades or of players and dancers ensnared in the transformative rhythm of such musical shamans, each Trek Six piece is a vivid web of color and energy given form by the sound and spirit which inspire the artist, abstracted just enough to suggest a pulse, beat or point of origin just beyond the five senses. This ethereal sense even finds its way into pictures of birds, trees, and speakers; it's as if Trek Six is illustrating the energy pathways embedded in each of his subjects.

An integral part of Trek's mission is exposing his hometown's hidden talents through a variety of collaborative efforts with local allies, be they familiar or new faces. The only pre-requisite is that their work is stellar. "I want all of Miami's scene to be noticed, not just one artist," says Trek. "There is so much talent here, but people seem to think we're just hacks hanging out in Speedos sipping mojitos." As one of the main people responsible for bringing together the various talents on display at The Co11ective, his mission is now that much closer to being fulfilled.

