

# Ben Furgal

b. 1984, Syracuse, New York

Lives and works in Philadelphia, PA

## EDUCATION

2006 BFA, SUNY Purchase

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Dead Marshes*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*Geo-Necro*, curated by Casey Jex Smith and Ryan Browning, ADA Gallery, Richmond VA
- 2015 *The Palace*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*Lights Out*, curated by Luis Maldonado, It's All About Things, Portchester NY
- 2014 *Describe the Phenomenon* (solo), Space 1026, Philadelphia PA
- 2013 *Magic Pictures*, Vox Populi, Philadelphia PA  
*Ben Furgal + Zach Ziemann* (split show), Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*In Loving Memory : A Mike Kelley Retrospective*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA
- 2012 *Flatland*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA
- 2011 *Lawrence Street Block Party*, Lawrence Street, Philadelphia PA  
*Night* (solo), Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*First Flight*, curated by Ariel Baomet, Masthead Print Studio, Philadelphia PA  
*The Haunted Fridge*, Elfreths Alley, Philadelphia PA  
*Visitation*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA
- 2010 *Parlour No. 19: Par Avion*, Piazza Provesano 8, Siena, Italy  
*The Metal Man* (solo), Ridgewood Residency Program, Queens, NY
- 2009 *Daed Pizza Party*, curated by Carly James, Cake Shop, New York, NY  
*Half Priced Banners*, curated by Colleen Asper, add-art.org, online exhibition  
*Last Night On Earth*, Video Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2008 *Ghostbusters Ball*, Market Hotel, Brooklyn, NY
- 2007 *Inflatables*, curated by Gary Kachadourian, Artscape, Baltimore, MD  
*Plastic*, curated by Annie Ewaskio, Creative Alliance, Baltimore, MD  
*Glittering Ruin* (split with Jimmy Joe Roche), Current Gallery, Baltimore MD
- 2006 *Wicked Warriors* (solo), Cake Shop, New York, NY

## EXHIBITIONS CURATED

- 2016 *Dead Marshes*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA
- 2015 *Fire Sale*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*Abbey Lee Sarver : Oversharing in the Soups*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*The Palace*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*Punch*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA
- 2013 *Magic Pictures*, Vox Populi, Philadelphia PA  
*Lindsey Dickson : Color Hard*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*Alessandro Keegan : God's Garden*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*Ben Furgal + Zach Ziemann*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*In Loving Memory : A Mike Kelley Retrospective*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA
- 2012 *Flatland*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*Erica Magrey : Tag Sale Cosmology*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA
- 2011 *Mask and Shadow*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*Zach Ziemann*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*Evie Falci : False Idles*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*Sophie White : Magic Objects*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
*The Haunted Fridge*, Elfreth's Alley, Philadelphia PA  
*Visitation*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA
- 2008 *Jad Fair*, Cake Shop, New York, NY  
*Ghostbusters Ball*, Market Hotel, Brooklyn, NY  
*Luis Maldonado : A US Revolution*, Cake Shop, New York, NY  
*Sophie White : Windows*, Cake Shop, New York NY  
*Alessandro Keegan : Prima Materia*, Cake Shop, New York, NY  
*Evie Falci: Small Paintings*, Cake Shop, New York, NY

## RESIDENCIES

- 2010 Ridgewood Residency Program, Queens, NY

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2016      Dead Marshes, Magic Pictures, November 12  
            Geo-Necro, ADA Gallery, May 6
- 2015      Chess : The Basic Rules, Magic Pictures, February 19
- 2014      Describe The Phenomenon, Magic Pictures, October 31  
            Poems In A Room, Magic Pictures, February 8
- 2013      Blob Chess, Magic Pictures, November 6  
            Magic Pictures, Magic Pictures, November 1  
            More Witches, SGMG Records, October 1  
            Color Hard, Magic Pictures, September 13  
            God's Garden, Magic Pictures, August 10  
            Ben Furgal + Zach Ziemann, Magic Pictures, May 25  
            Evil Sword, SGMG Records, April 10
- 2012      Flatland, Magic Pictures, November 9

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 2016      Height Keech, *Endless Blaze Volume 1*, CD, Cold Rhymes, Album Art+Design  
            Gavin Riley Smoke Machine + Height Keech, poster design
- 2015      DIY PHL, poster design  
            *Horror Mixtape*, CD-R (self published)  
            *Sorcerer's Song*, edition of 60 silkscreened comic/posters
- 2014      *Describe the Phenomenon*, signed and numbered edition of 50 silkscreened  
            blacklight posters (with Emilia Brintnall)
- 2013      *Hideous Forest*, feature length performance at Aux Performance Space, Philadelphia PA  
            *Blob Chess Demonstration*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia PA  
            Performed as Evil Sword on The Chris Gerthard Show, Pubic Access TV, New York NY  
            Performed as Evil Sword on Beastin' the Airwaves, WFMU, Jersey City NJ  
            *Evil Sword, More Witches* Cassette, SGMG Records, Album Art + Design  
            (with Kate Ferencz)
- 2012      *Evil Sword, Flesh Eating Mold Will Devour You* Cassette, SGMG Records, Album  
            Art+Design (with Kate Ferencz)

- 2011 *Emoda Mural*, Emoda Gallery, Philadelphia PA  
*Basement Mural*, Magic Pictures, Philadelphia PA  
 Founded Artist Run Gallery Space Magic Pictures
- 2010 *Glowing Garden Cassette*, Self Released, Album Art + Design (with Kate Ferencz)
- 2007 *Dan Deacon, Spiderman of the Rings 12"*, Carpark Records, Album Art+Design  
*Dan Deacon, The Crystal Cat/Totally Boner 7"*, Carpark Records, Album Art+Design
- 2006 *Whartscape Mural*, Wham City, Baltimore, MD
- 2005 *Nuclear Power Pants, Most Popular Awesome Soda CDR*, Standard Oil Records,  
 Album Art+Design  
*Olde Apartment Mural*, Purchase, NY  
*Apocalypse Lounge Mural*, New York, NY
- 2004 Nuclear Power Pants, Costume + Lighting Design

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2015 Blackened Disco, "Allen Mozek" blackeneddisco.com, September 16  
 Howe, Monica, "100 Best Electronic Album Covers", insomniac.com, August 18
- 2014 Smith, Nancy, "Ben Furgal~ Space 1026 / Philly / Last Weekend to Catch"  
 artloversnewyork.com, September 24  
 Carroll, Michael, "Unidentified Flying Objects, Physical Evidence, and Skepticism – Ben Furgal at Space 1026", September 17  
 Hart, Allison, "Up Yours 2014", The Purchase Beat, Feb 23
- 2013 Trewin, Madalyn, "Evil Sword : Always Hungry", thelesigh.com, Oct 10  
 Berman, Judy, "Evil Sword at Cake Shop", flavorwire.com, Oct 9  
 Furgal, Ben, "Ben Furgal : STUFF" artfcity.com, August 7  
 Wagner, Amanda V., "South Philadelphia's Secret Gallery" drexel.edu, March 5  
 Wagner, Amanda V., "Magic Pictures Gallery feels like Home Sweet Home"  
 philly.com, March 5  
 H.M. Kaufmann, "Evil Sword About To Get Very Weird At Little Berlin",  
 philadelphia.thedelimagazine.com, Feb 3
- 2012 Pyenson, Luke, "Lincense to Krill : Tour Diary Week 6", thepheonix.com, Oct 25  
 Rapa, Patrick, "Lady Evil", Philadelphia City Paper, Oct 25
- 2008 Ziello, JoAnne, "Lower East Side Art / Cake Shop Not Just Music",  
 obsessioncollectionmusic.com, Jan 31

2007      McNatt, Glenn, "Notes on the 'Plastics' show at Creative Alliance", Baltimore Sun, July 25  
Bleau, Darcelle, "Plastic", Baltimore City Paper, July 18  
McCabe, Bret, "Glittering Ruin", Baltimore City Paper, February 21  
Smith, Nancy, "Ben Furgal/Cake Shop", [artloversnewyork.com](http://artloversnewyork.com), February 1