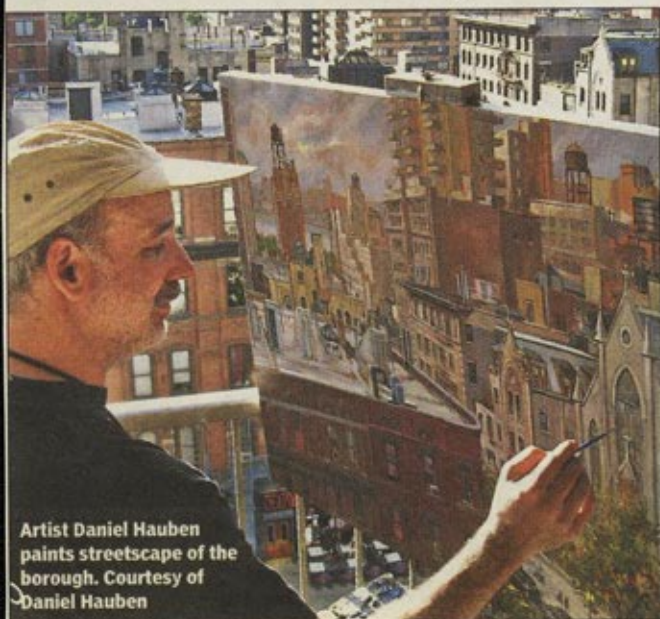


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# Painter draws 'em in

## Hauben's monthly TV art program hits airwaves this weekend



Artist Daniel Hauben paints streetscape of the borough. Courtesy of Daniel Hauben

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IT'S NOT PBS, but the Boogie Down now has its own homespun artist to preach the joy of painting happy, little landscapes.

Daniel Hauben is making painting accessible through his new BronxNet television show, "Art and About with Danny Hauben."

But instead of painting birches and clouds and clean mountain streams, Hauben, 57, is depicting the gritty urban landscapes that are native to the borough.

"For me, it's the whole immersion in the urban craziness that is the subject," Hauben said. "It really appeals to people, and is really not that common."

The monthly show premieres this weekend, and Hauben already has three episodes in the can. In

one, he shows students how to draw faces from the BronxNet studio. In another, Hauben paints a landscape on campus at Lehman College. In a third installment, Hauben does a "popup painting" of a skateboarder on the move.

"It goes beyond 'The Joy of Painting with Bob Ross,'" said Michael Max Knobbe, BronxNet's executive director, referring to the late public television painter whose 1980s-era program.

"We're taking it to the next level," he added. "It's the 21st-century version."

Hauben, a Bronx product who lives in Kingsbridge, chafes at the comparison, but acknowledges that he shares Ross' love for the creative process.

"I can appreciate that he reached people, because people love witnessing the process of

painting," Hauben said. "It's a rare thing; usually, you see the finished product in an antiseptic setting."

"When people actually see it unfold, they really respond."

Hauben has been painting landscapes, streetscapes and people across the Bronx for 30 years. As an adjunct professor of architectural drawing at City College, Hauben takes pupils to locales across the city to practice capturing the scene.

The show will also showcase the beauty of the borough.

"The Bronx has beautiful vistas that we can appreciate," Knobbe added. "And Danny is out there."

"Art and About," airs Saturdays at 9:30 p.m., Sundays at 11 a.m., Tuesdays at 2 p.m., Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and Fridays at 6 p.m. on BronxNet: Cablevision Channel 67 and Verizon FiOS 33.

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