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## Tom Sanford Paints The Faces Of The People In His Neighborhood

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Tom Sanford has drawn portraits of the people in his neighborhood. It's good to be, it's wonderful to be a neighbor, Sanford seems to be saying with his empathic ink wash drawings. Sanford is an enormously skillful portraitist. He manages to both simplify and capture the emotion and spirit of the person he is drawing. In an age of constant news stories about how no one is getting along, it is great to see an artist reach out to



their community and basically say 'hey, I like you, and we are in this together.' You can see these drawings, along with the large oil painting pictured first in this post, at his show, *What's Good in the Hood*, at **Gitler & \_\_\_\_\_**, it opens January 4th and runs until the 18th.





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