



My Zurich: James Bantone

Drinks at Chicago Bar, raves at etc., and dips in the Limmat river – the Swiss artist shares the best of Zurich

What does the word 'Zurich' mean to you?

A feeling of openness, care, and understanding.

Your first memory in Zurich?

A kiss in the rain in the Limmat.

What is the mark of a true 'Zuricher'?

Freitag bags.



James Bantone in his studio. Courtesy of the artist.

Which famous figure best embodies Zurich?

Lhaga Koondhor – popess of Zurich nightlife, influencer, coach, guru, curator, silly girl.

Your favorite place for breakfast?

Café du Bonheur on Bullingerplatz, where you can dip your feet in the water fountain while enjoying a nice drink.

Where are the best boutiques?

Tasoni is a must, and the flea market on Bürkliplatz is cute.



Guests at your dream dinner party in Zurich?

Sylvie Fleury, Glenn Ligon, Playboi Carti, Pol Taburet, Ser Serpas, Dese Escobar, Azize Ferzi, Mohamed Almusibli, Ryan Treacartin, Shuang Li, David Toro, and Solomon Chase at Loit Lim's beautiful apartment, enjoying one of her iconic dinners.

Where do you go out in Zurich?

Chicago Bar, followed by a rave at Mikro.

Which artwork best represents Zurich?

The Death420 meme account on Instagram.

What is the craziest thing you have heard or seen on the streets of Zurich?

Sitara Abuzar Ghaznavi whining to me in the courtyard of a primary school after a few canned Proseccos.



James Bantone's studio. Courtesy of the artist.

What can you only do in Zurich?

Swim in the Limmat.

What do you miss most about Zurich when you are away?

Nights at Longstreet Bar when it used to be cool.

Your best advice for those just visiting?

Fall accidentally in the river, eat a vegetarian currywurst, enjoy a cocktail at Kronenhalle, invite the barman of Chicago Bar to show you his panini book.



James Bantone is represented by [Karma International](#), Zurich. He lives and works in Geneva and Zurich.

Caption for full-bleed images, from top to bottom: 1. Zürich Quaibrücke, Photograph of Daniel Kraft. 2.

Window displays designed by artist Damian Fopp in collaboration with renowned graphic design studio Norm and Tasoni. 3. Bullingerplatz, Zürich. Photograph by Roland Zh.

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