

CraftGraffiti: Exploring Human Identity with Custom Graffiti Art via Facial-Preserving Diffusion Models



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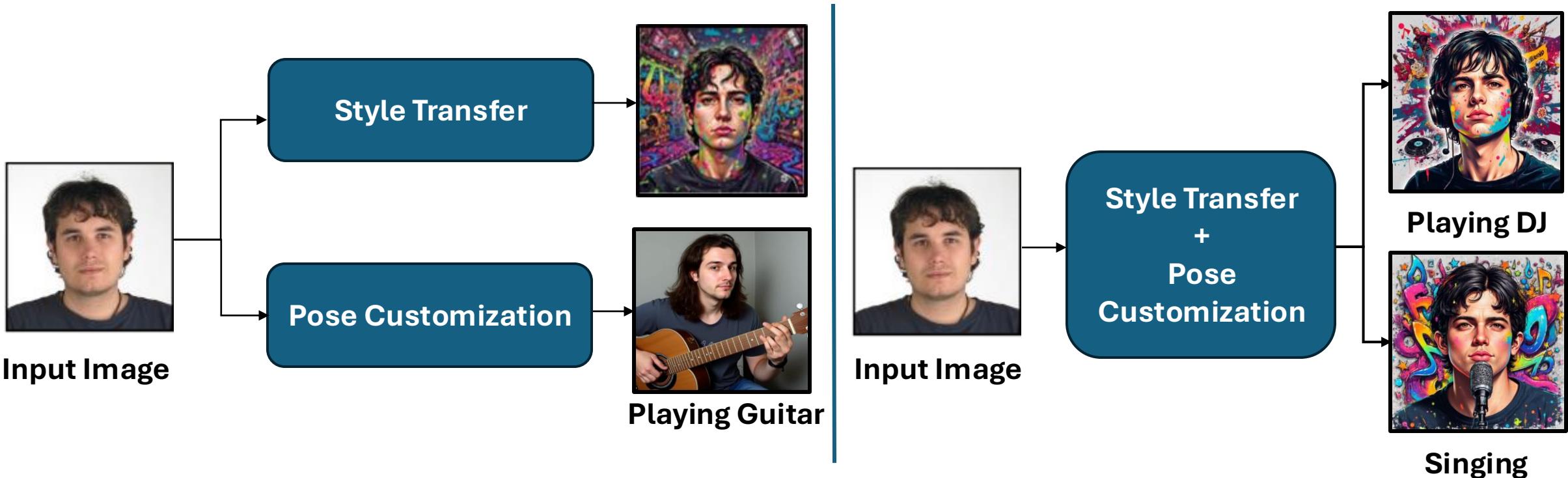
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Problem Statement

Style Transfer + Pose Customization



We define **style transfer with pose customization** as the problem of generating an image that preserves the **facial identity of a source image** adopts the **artistic or photometric style** and conforms to a **target pose representation**.

Challenges of Style Transfer

Over weightage on styles cause appearance drift

- Style transfer operates in feature-statistic space, not in **identity space**.
- It introduces **appearance drift** — modifications to color, lighting, or even local geometry.

Solution

- Low-rank adaptation based style transfer.

Why is this effective?

- Control the weight pruning in order to mitigate the appearance drift.



Challenges of Pose Customization

Affect face consistency

- For large pose shifts, the generator must **hallucinate unseen regions** (e.g., ear or cheek), which can break identity structure.
- Keypoint-based pose constraints ensure alignment but provide **no supervision on facial texture** leading to distorted or identity-inconsistent renderings.

Solution

- CLIP- based pose customization (**limits no. of pose**)
- Face-consistent self-attention.

Why is this effective?

- Preserve the facial attribute of the character through the extra dimension of identity embedding.

Input Image



Playing DJ



Playing Guitar



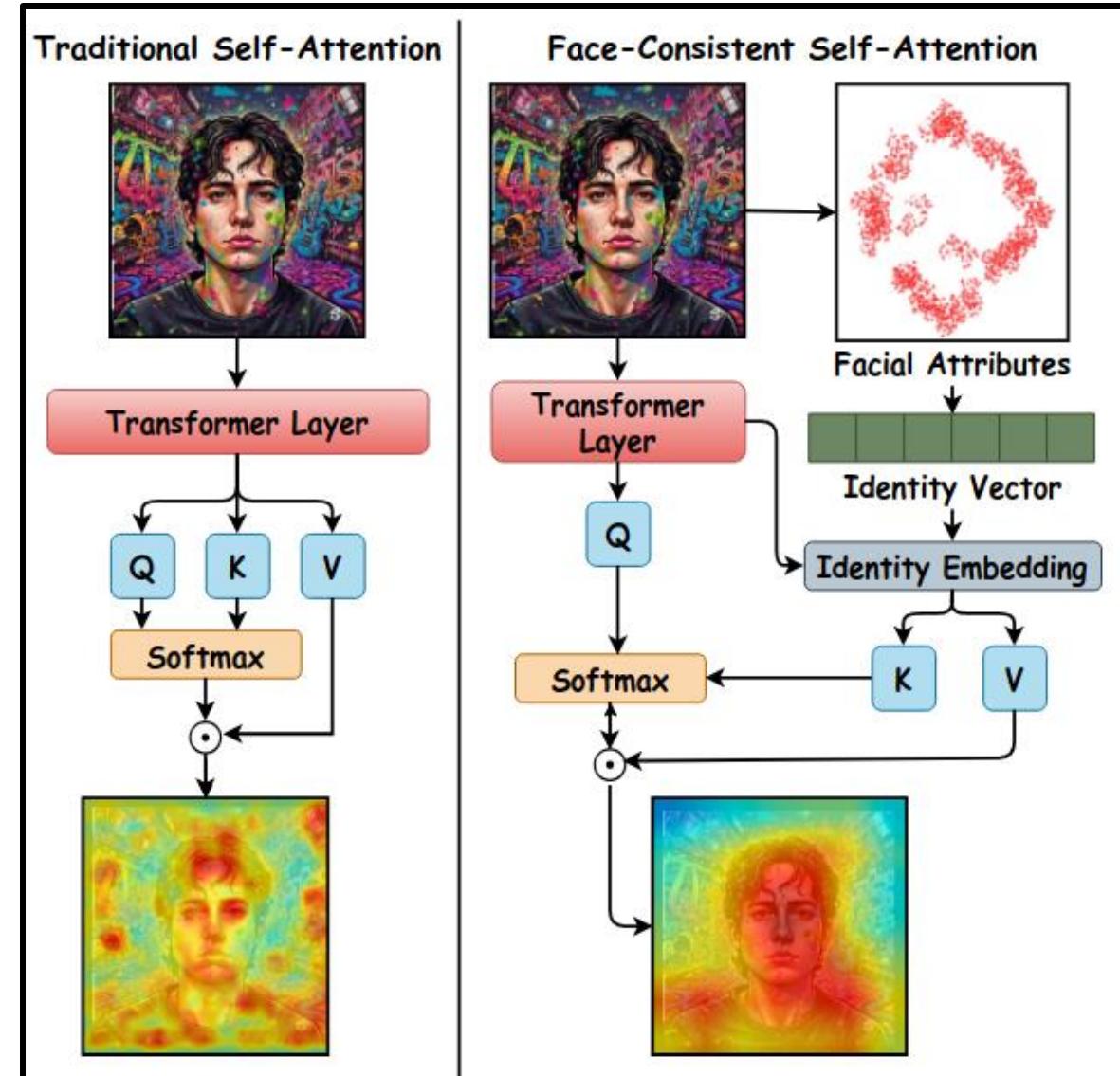
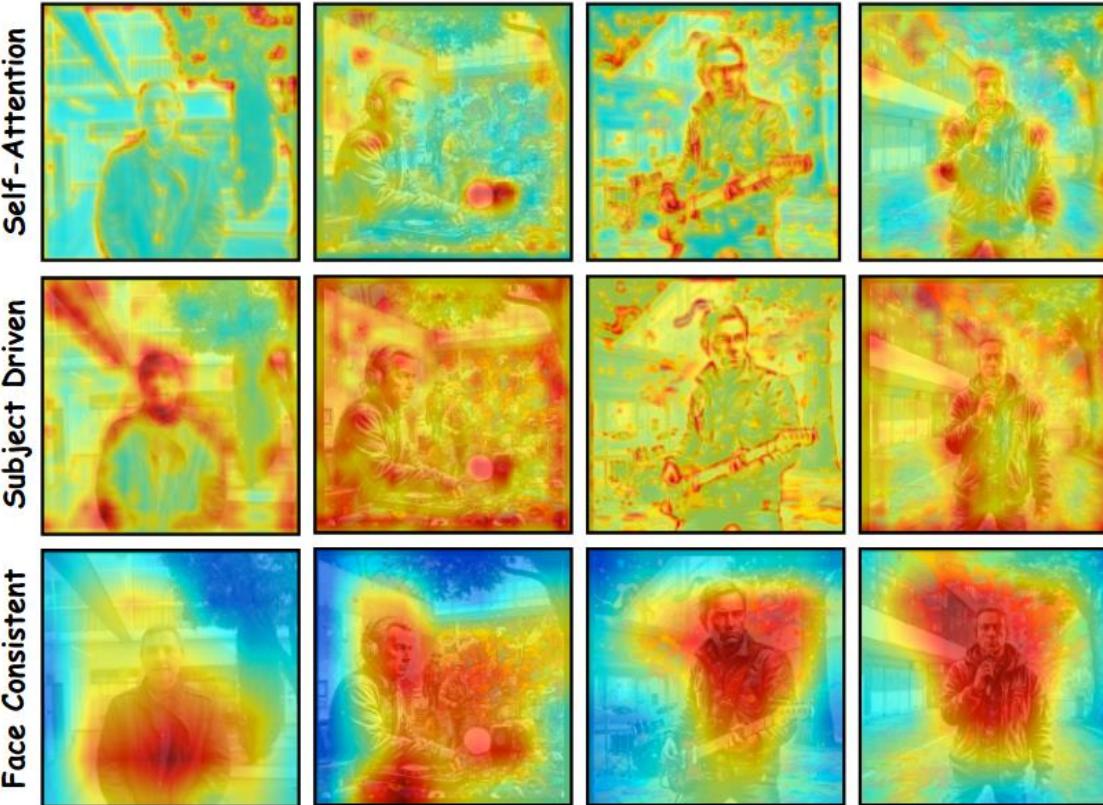
Singing in a mic



Our main contribution

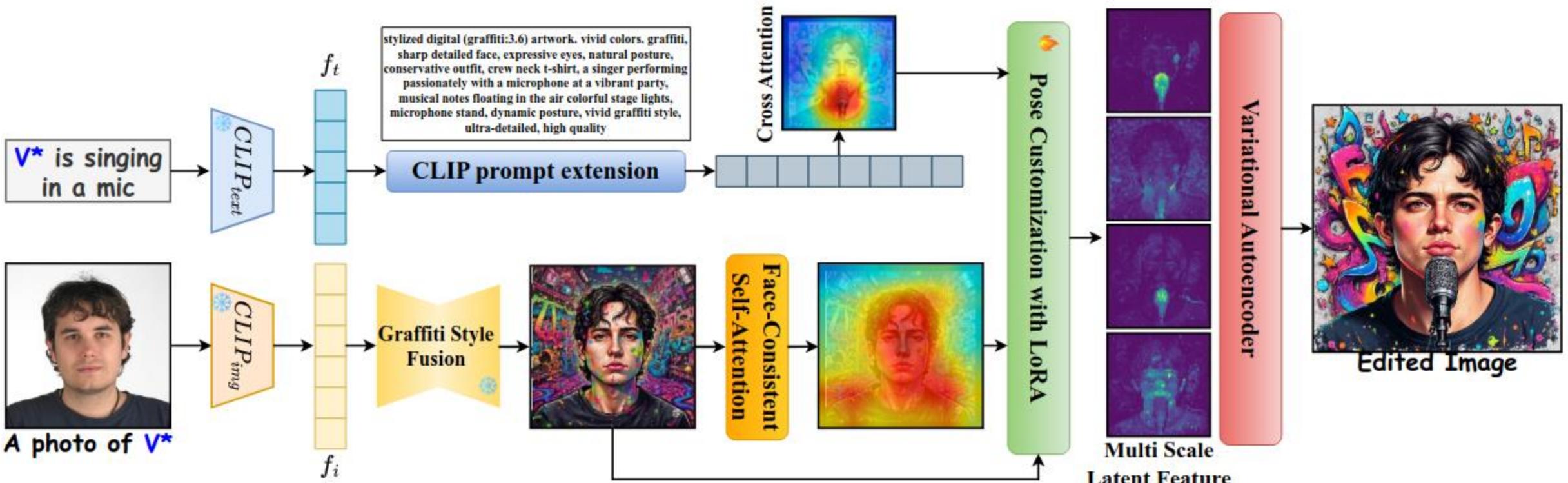
Face-consistent self-attention

- Preserve facial features in an identity vector and transfer it into the latent space through identity embedding.



CraftGraffiti Pipeline

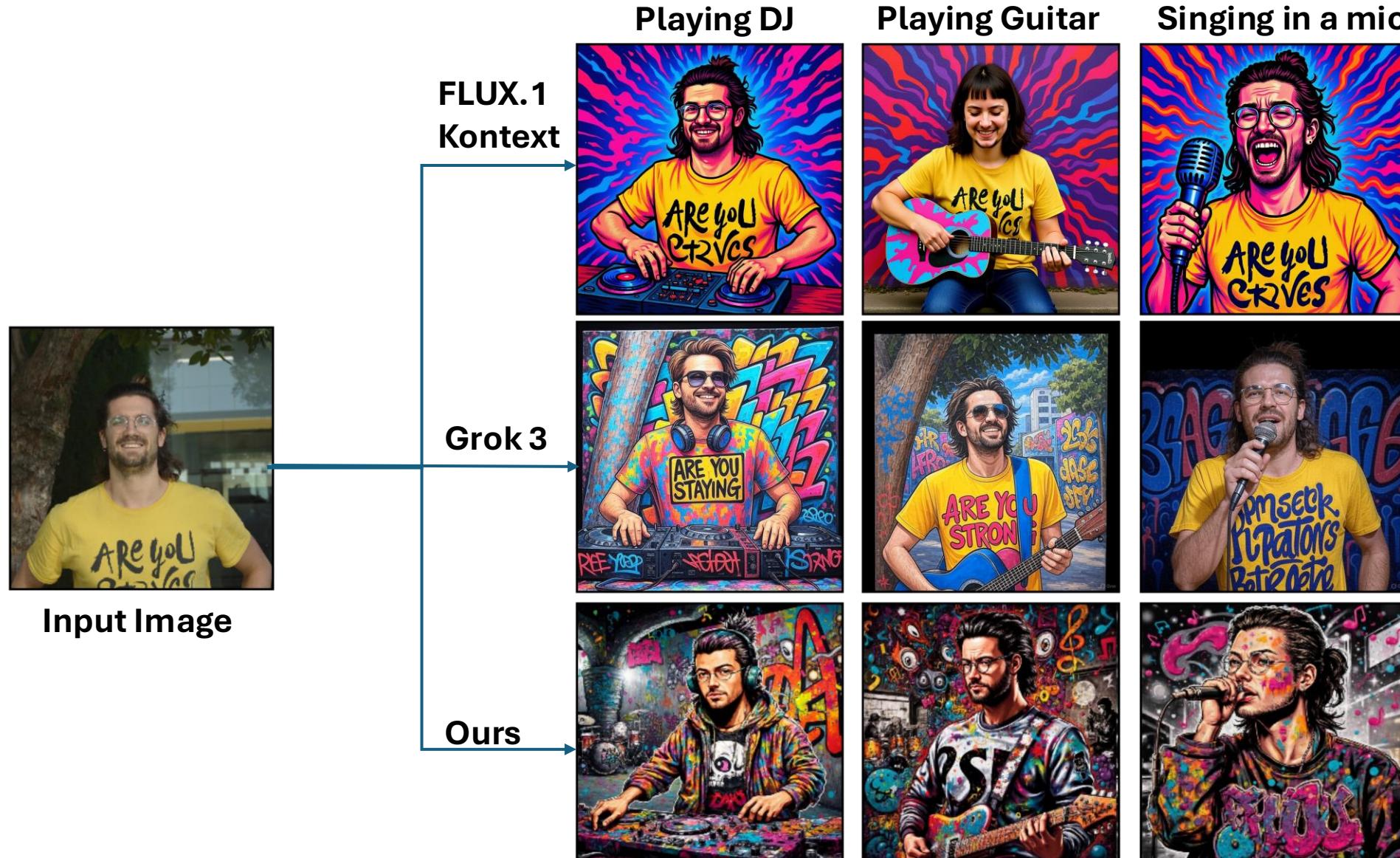
Simple yet effective



It injects **graffiti style** using a **LoRA-tuned diffusion model**, then applies a **face-consistent** self-attention to preserve facial features. A **pose customization** module guided by **CLIP prompts** enables flexible pose control without retraining. Finally, **multi-scale latent processing** in a VAE captures both global structure and fine details, producing high-quality, identity-consistent graffiti portraits.

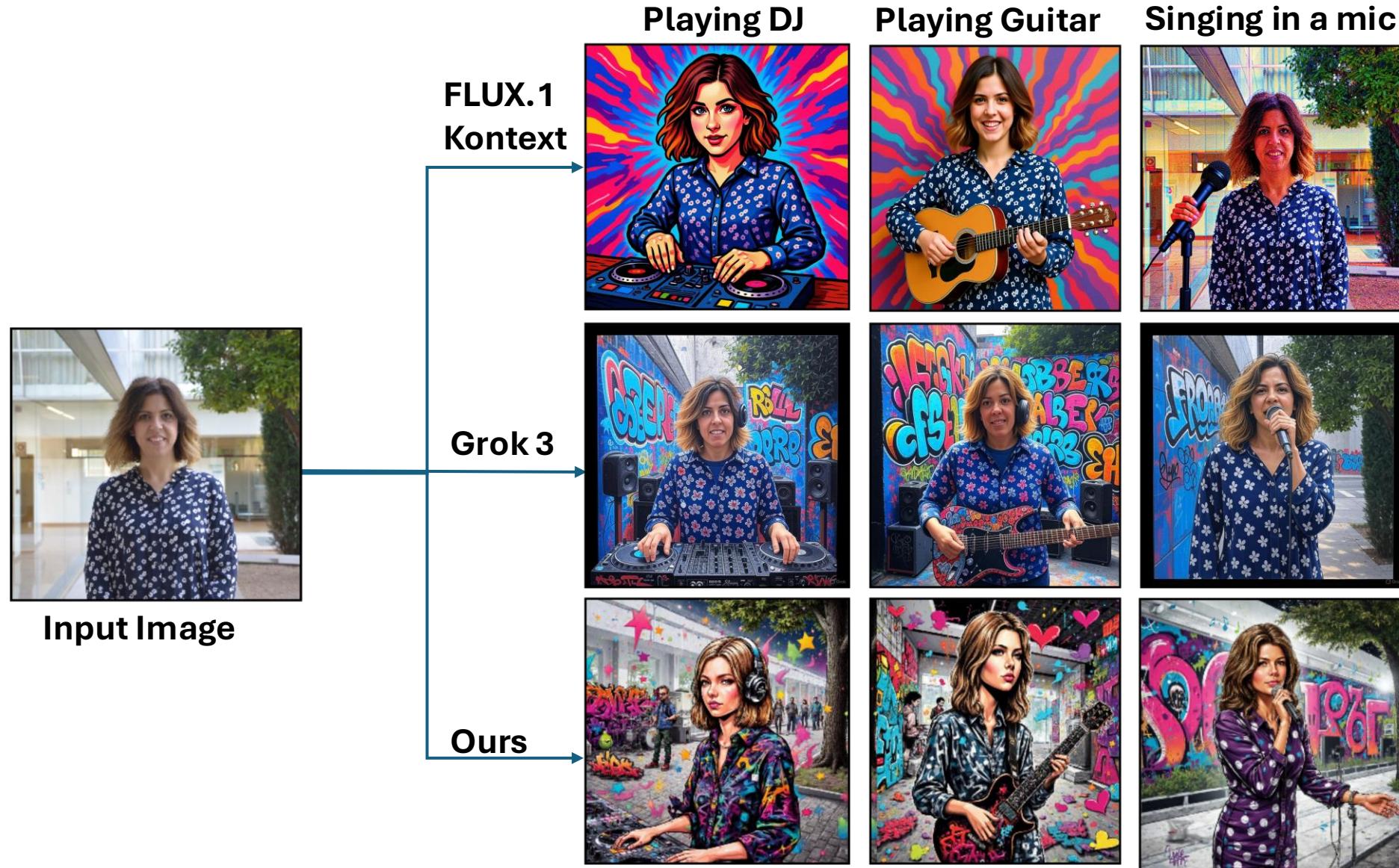
Experimental Analysis & Comparative Study

Works irrespective of gender bias



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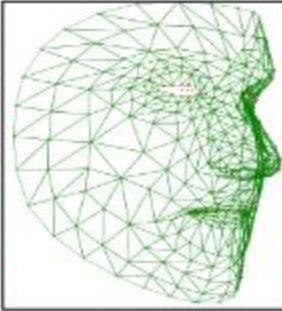
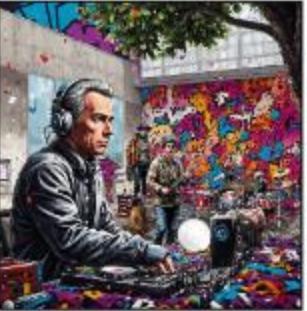
Face Consistency

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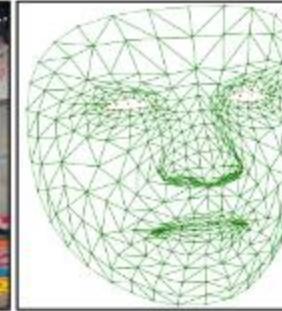
A photo of V^*



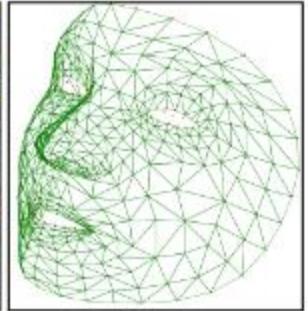
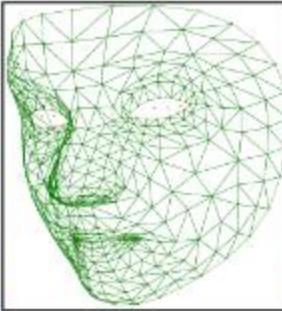
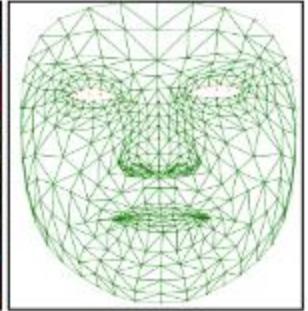
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V^* is playing guitar



V^* is singing in a mic



As we can generate similar face mesh during different pose customization in graffiti style, **Craftgraffiti** preserve the facial features. (Note: this face meshes are extracted after the generation, this step doesn't involve in training)

Quantitative Analysis

Metric and Human Evaluation

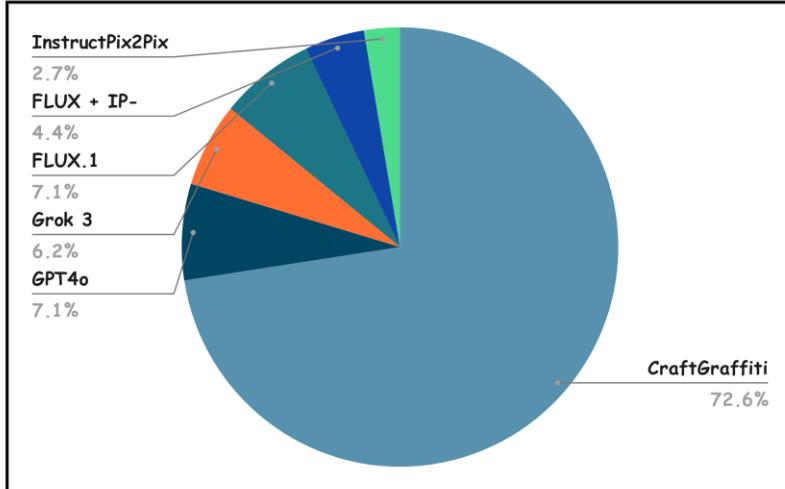
Table 1: Quantitative Evaluation of CraftGraffiti

Method/Metric	FFC ↑	Aes ↑	HPS ↑	Inf. Time (sec) ↓
FLUX + IP-Adapter [56]	0.8324	3.2414	0.3012	8.2
FLUX.1 Kontext [27]	0.6741	2.1749	0.2911	6.7
InstructPix2Pix [6]	0.7112	2.7272	0.1918	3.1
GPT4o [22]	0.8761	4.5193	0.3412	13.4
Grok 3 [16]	0.8513	4.1652	0.3102	11.2
Ours (Baseline)	0.7618	3.6913	0.2911	2.9
Ours (+ Style Fusion)	0.6814	4.7195	0.3001	5.3
Ours (+ Face Consistent self attention)	0.7713	5.1376	0.3176	8.7
CraftGraffiti	0.7713	5.2271	0.3536	10.1

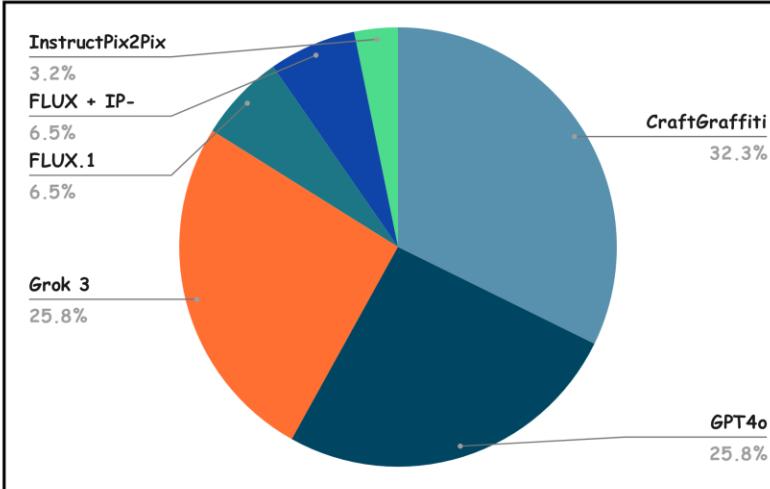
VLMs only focus on face consistency not on style and pose but CraftGraffiti attend every aspects

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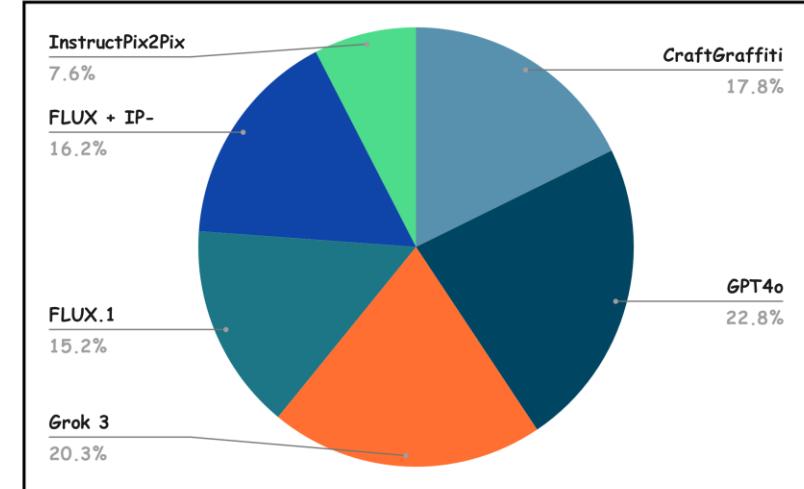
Metric and Human Evaluation



Style Blending



Aesthetics



Recognizability

CraftGraffiti not only achieve superior performance also address the cultural diversity as the users from 11 different countries participate in human evaluation.

Ablation Studies

Why each of the components are effective

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Pose customization w/o style blending and face consistency self-attention

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Pose customization with face consistency self-attention

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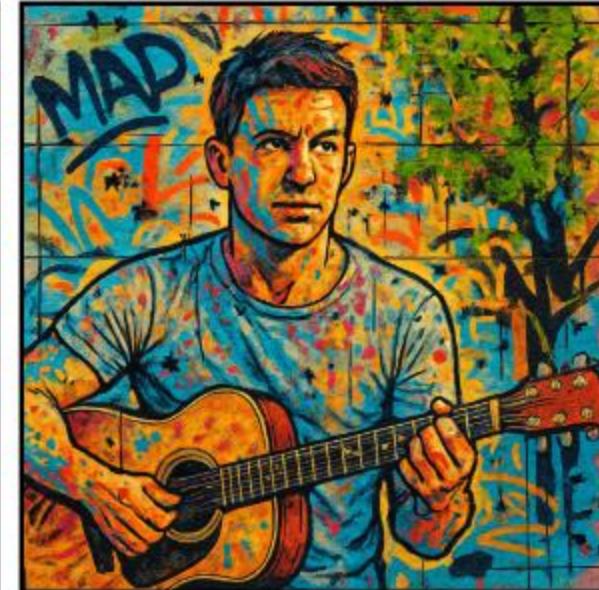
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Style transfer after pose customization with face consistency self-attention

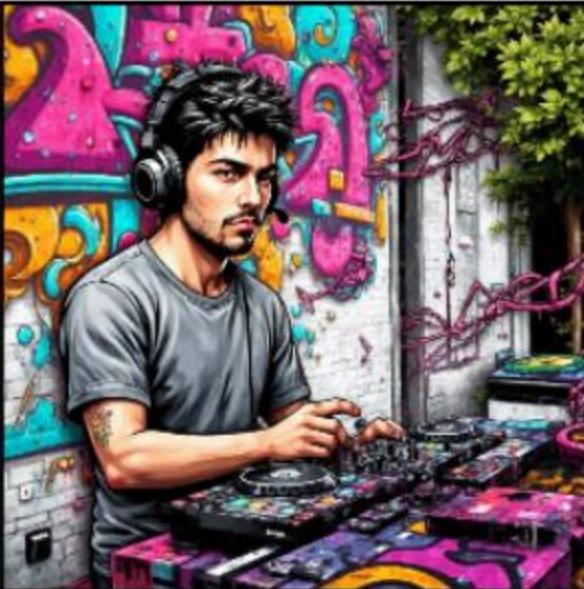
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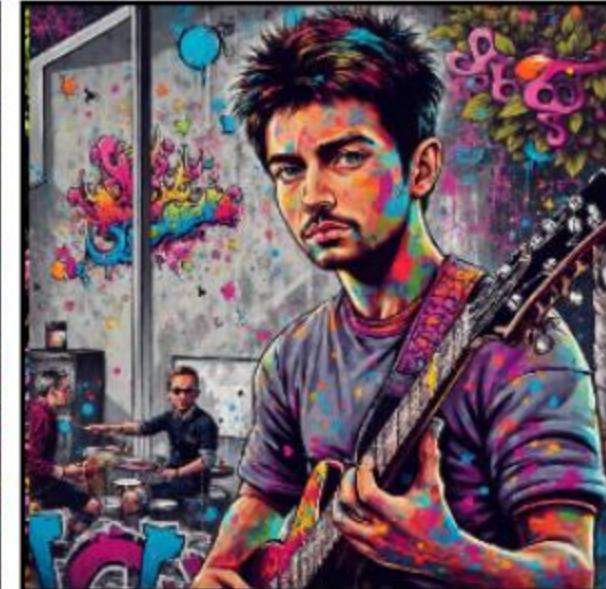
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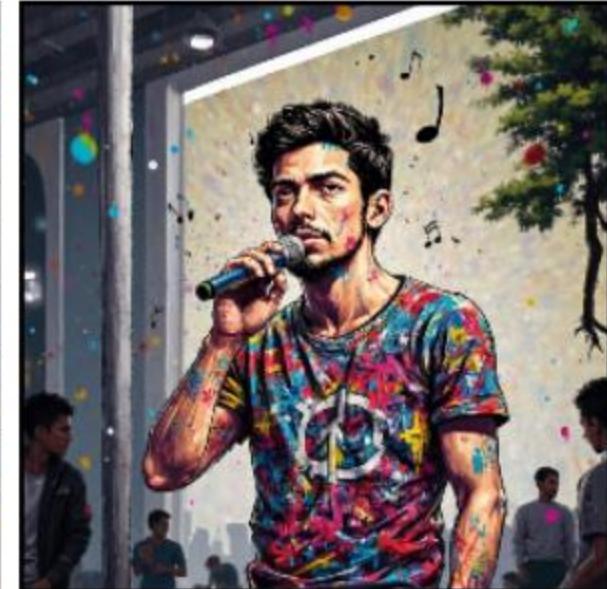
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Style transfer before pose customization with face consistency self-attention

Qualitative Analysis

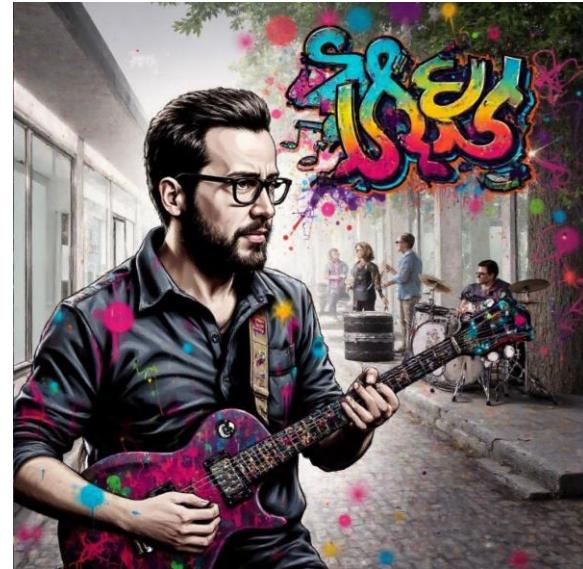
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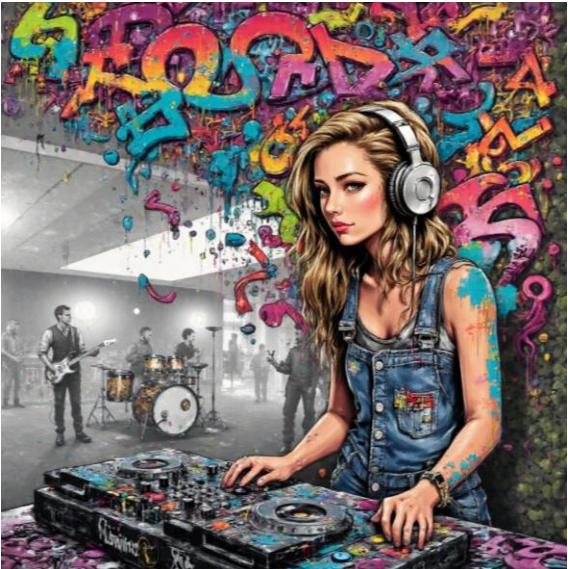
Blend perfect style and pose

Qualitative Analysis

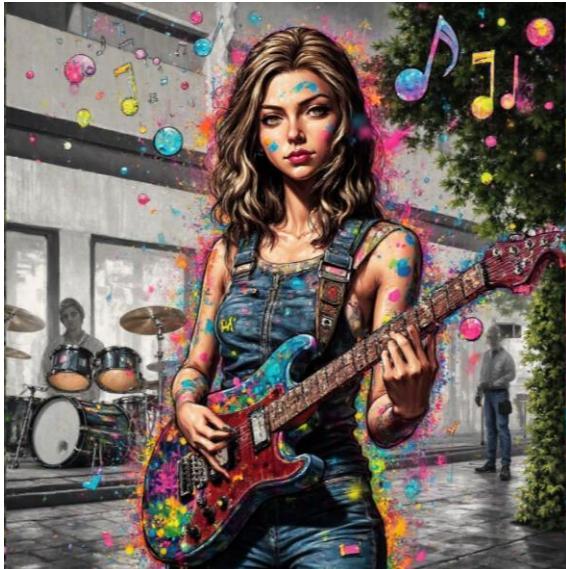
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Mitigate gender bias

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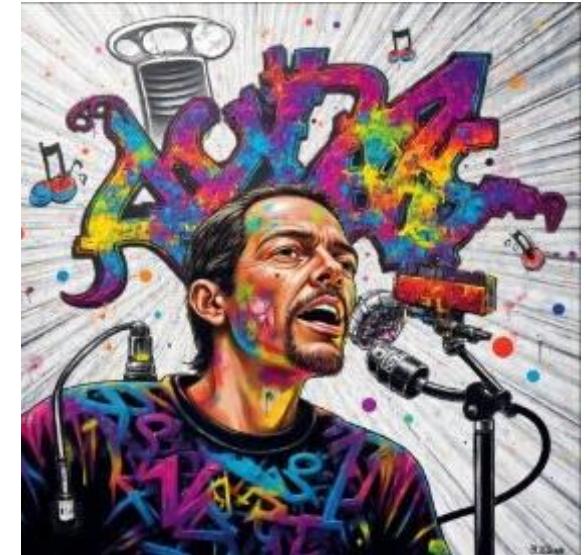
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Works irrespective of the background

Qualitative Analysis

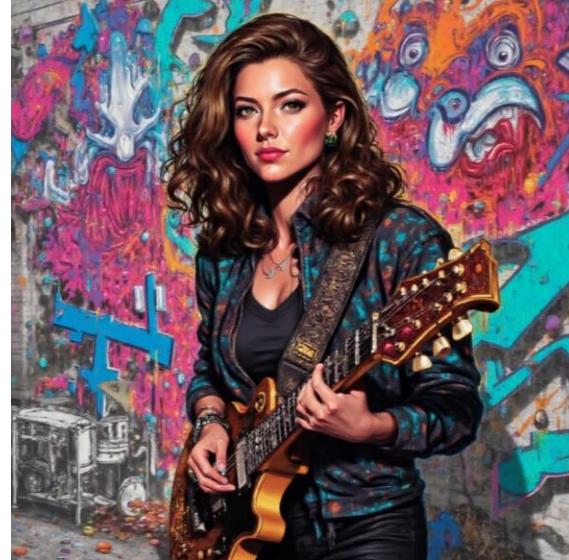
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Try to maintain hair color as well

Contribution Bucket

- Face Consistency during style and pose customization.
- Mitigating gender bias.
- Achieve cultural diversity.

Limitations

- Always generate younger face.
- Put extra make up on women's face.

Future Scope

- Extending CraftGraffiti to handle a broader range of cultural art forms beyond graffiti.
- Integrating real-time bias detection and mitigation pipelines.

A large, colorful word cloud centered around the words 'thank you' in various languages. The word 'thank' is in red, 'you' is in yellow, and 'you' is in green. The background is white with a faint watermark of the word 'thank'.



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