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Artist. Curator. Publisher

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BRIEF BIO

Johnny Otto is a self-taught Contemporary Artist and Magazine Publisher based in Los Angeles. He was born in Bay Village, Ohio in 1966, the grandson of Czech and German immigrants. Often compared to Basquiat, Haring and Picasso, Otto's work is actually influenced by a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts, which he visited as a child and where he was exposed to their vast collection of African Art. Otto's work spans more than 35 years and includes shows with David Hockney (Divine Design Fundraiser Auction), Compound Contemporary, 01 Gallery, Headquarters, Jeff Hamilton's Street Art Fair, Radiant Space, Ministry Gallery, Art Squat, Project Angel Food Auction, Novian/Miller Space and others. He has been featured in numerous publications including Art Reveal Magazine, Artillery, LAWeekly, VoyageLA, and Left Bank Magazine.

A Brief History of Exhibitions

2023 CRYSTAL HEAD VODKA FINALIST / Chosen from amongst the top artists in Los Angeles to represent Crystal Head Vodka brand with his painted crystal head skull in a private show at the world famous Magic Castle.

2023 NOCHE DE CALAVERA/Compound Contemporary with OG Able, Adam Stone, Aloy, Amy Smith, Atlas, Axis, BG183, Billy Morrison, BIO, Bobby Doran, Mister Cartoon, CES, Carly Ealey, Charlie Paige, Chloe Trujillo, Corie Mattie, Curtis Nunez, Chris Konecki, Dr.Dax, Dave Shutter, Dave Tour, Defer, Estevan Oriol, Evel, Gary Young, Gabor, Gregory Siff, Heaven, Johnny Otto, Kick, Kwest, Lefty, Louie Perez, Nicer, Norton Wisdom, Peter Tunney, Prime, Relic, Risk, Sever, Sel Dog, Sonny Boy, Svetlana Talabolina, Tazroc, Taz, Toons One!, Travis Walker, Tristan Eaton, Sharky, Shepard Fairey, Vision, Vyal, Wane Cod.

2023 ENDED SUMMER (Artist and Curator)/Compound Contemporary Group Show with RISK, Plastic Jesus, WRDSMTH, Svetlana Talabolina, Mark Estes, Tommy Hollenstein, Billy Morrison, Kevin Nealon, Dave Navarro, Shepard Fairey - Los Angeles, CA

2023 PAINT THE STREETS PODCAST / Interviewed by Teachr and James Shen - Los Angeles, CA

2021 ART SQUAT MAGAZINE / Publisher & Editor-in-Chief of new magazine - Los Angeles, CA

2018-2021 BOOKS PUBLISHED: Art of the Streets, Man or Monster (with the poetry of Orlando Kennedy), Art is Unnecessary.

2020 PROJECT ANGEL FOOD AUCTION / Fundraiser/Donation - Los Angeles, CA

2019 RADIANT SPACE / Group Show / It Was All A Dream with Sammy Baptista, Chad Muska, Oscar Meza, Kris Markovich, Thatcher, and Blikeme - Los Angeles, CA

2018 RADIANT SPACE / Solo Exhibit / Water & Spirit Fundraiser for Drop in the Bucket - Los Angeles, CA

2018 SPECIAL GUEST ON DEBORAH KOBYLT LIVE - PODCAST / Los Angeles, CA

2016-2020 MAGAZINE INTERVIEWS / Art Reveal Magazine, LAWEEKLY, VoyageLA, Splash, Shout Out LA, Left Bank Magazine, Artillery, Arts & Culture, Fine Art America.

2017 MURAL PAINTING / Video Shoot - Los Angeles, CA

2017 BURGERS & BUDZ / Live Painting at JEFF HAMILTON'S STUDIO - Los Angeles, CA

2017 STREET ART FAIR, JEFF HAMILTON'S STUDIO - Group Show - 40 of the top Street Artists - Los Angeles, CA

2017-2021 #FINDART / Hidden pieces throughout the Hollywood area - Los Angeles, CA

2014 THE ASHLEY PAIGE GALLERY / Group Show - FIGURATIVE PAINTINGS - Los Angeles, CA

2009 MOVIE MAKER MAGAZINE FEATURE - New York

2005 HEADQUARTERS / Solo Exhibit - SKETCHES AND PAINTINGS - Los Angeles, CA

1999 01 GALLERY / Group Auction - ABSTRACT AND FIGURATIVE PAINTINGS - Los Angeles, CA

1996 MINISTRY GALLERY / Solo Show - ABSTRACT AND FIGURATIVE PAINTINGS - Los Angeles, CA

1994 ART IN THE ALLEY / Solo Show - EXPERIMENTAL DRIVE. THRU ART EXHIBIT - FIGURATIVE PAINTINGS - Los Angeles, CA

1992-1994 ART SQUAT COLLECTIVE / Group Show - CONCEPTUAL PIECES - Los Angeles, CA

1993 PROJECT ANGEL FOOD ART / AIDS fundraiser Auction at Pacific Design Center with David Hockney - Los Angeles, CA

1990-1991 NOVIAN-MILLER SPACE / "MEGABOYS" - FEATURING 20 EMERGING ARTISTS - Los Angeles, CA

1989 RIVERFRONT GALLERY / Solo Show - FIGURATIVE PAINTINGS AND SKETCHES - WINDSOR - Ontario, Canada

1986 SUBWAY EXHIBITIONS / Group Show - ABSTRACT PAINTINGS - UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR - Ontario, Canada