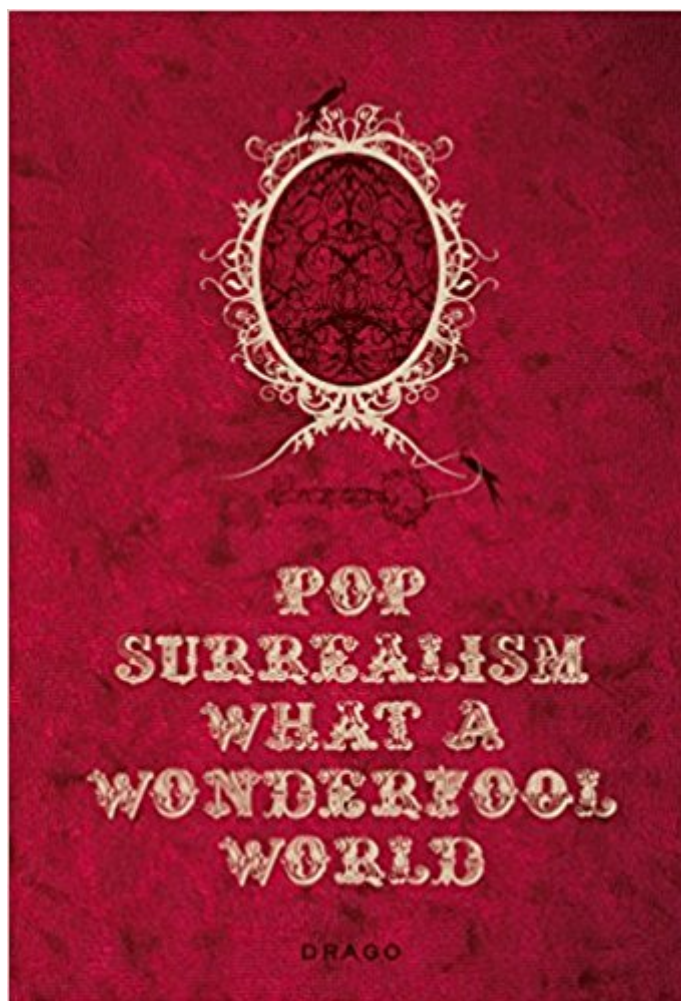


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Pop Surrealism What A Wonderfool World



Synopsis

Pop Surrealism: What a Wonderfool World" is a 96 page hard cover volume with over 75 full color images from forty of today's leading artists in the Pop Surrealism movement. This publication is the accompanying book to an exhibition of the same title at the Carandente Museum in Spoleto, Italy. Inspired by the show, the images in the book represent the most influential styles in the new contemporary art scene. The participating artists are Mark Ryden, Ray Caesar, Todd Schorr, Camille Rose Garcia, Shepard Fairey, Miss Van, Ron English, Joe Sorren, Gary Baseman, Tara McPherson, Scott Musgrove, Kukula, Mijn Schtje, Alex Gross, Marion Peck, Natalie Chau, Paul Chatem, Lola, Kathie Olivas, Leila Ataya, Jeff Soto, Esao Andrews, David Stoupakis, Tim McCormick, Nathan Spoor, Sas and Colin Christian, Travie Louie, Jonathan Viner, Adam Wallacavage, Ken Keirms, Ahren Hertel, Kris Lewis, Aaron Jasinsky, Michael Page, Ana Bagayan, Naoto Hattori, James Jean, Tim Biskup, and Italian artists Nicoletta Ceccoli and Niba. The vibrant and inspired images are complimented by critical texts from the exhibition's curators Alexandra Mazzanti of the Dorothy Circus Gallery and contemporary art critic and director of the Visual Arts department at Palazzo Collicola, Gianluca Marziani. The book also includes interviews with Alexandra Mazzanti, New York based gallerists Alix Sloan, Sloan Fine Arts, and Jonathan LeVine, Jonathan LeVine Gallery, and Seattle based gallerist and editor at large for Hi-Fructose magazine Kirsten Anderson, as well as an introductory text by Paulo von Vacano, publisher and CEO of the independent urban and street art publishing house known as Drago. Pop Surrealism is informed by a combination of Pop and Surrealist Art. The fetish for the carnal elements of pop culture and production as well as for the subconscious and the visionary attitude of the Surreal is captured by Pop Surrealism's artistic current and is presented within the pages of "What a Wonderfool World" in a delicate balance between dream, reality, and folly.

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Customer Reviews

Gianluca Marziani was born in 1970 in Milan, Italy. He has worked extensively throughout Italy as an independent art curator, an advisor to the city of Rome, and a consultant on the arts, communication, and new media. He has written extensively on themes and trends in contemporary art and is one of the founders of Next Exit magazine, which focuses on life and creativity. He also is an editor for Fefe magazine and Next Mag. In May 2010 he was elected as the new director of the Carandente Museum in Spoleto. This is the second book he has worked on with Drago. Alexandra Mazzanti is the owner of the Dorothy Circus Gallery in Rome, Italy. It was her vision to construct a space dedicated to "Lowbrow" and "Pop Surrealism", which for her have become the most vital, stimulating, and controversial movements in contemporary art. Her extensive knowledge, passion, and experience have led her to be a prominent and trustworthy figure in the new contemporary art world.

This book has great essays and has a variety of artists' work in the Pop Surrealism genre. A must have for fans like me.

This is a great addition to any pop surrealist library. It has lots of high quality images and interesting text.

I think this book is fairly comprehensive of the lowbrow players in the art world but its missing some major artists like Luke Chueh, Audrey Kawasaki, and Yoskay Yamamoto. Other artists that should have been included are Amy Sol, Dan May, Nate Frizzell, Nanami Cowdroy, Nimit Malavia, Eric Fortune, Dave Kinsey and CRAWW.

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