

Johnny Taylor

Johnny Taylor wurde in Helena, Arkansas, geboren und wuchs in und um Memphis, Tennessee, auf. Frühe Inspirationen waren das MAD Magazine, Star Wars und die Rockband KISS. Als er in die Schule kam, zeichnete Johnny Taylor ununterbrochen Variationen dieser Themen. Dieses Interesse am Zeichnen führte im Alter von 10 Jahren zu einem Job, bei dem er einen wöchentlichen Comicstrip produzierte. So ermutigt, beschloss der junge Cartoonist, dass er immer Kunst machen würde.



Taylor begann als Student an der Universität von Memphis zu malen (BFA, Kunstgeschichte, 1996). Am Silvesterabend des Jahres 1992 nahm er sich vor, ein ganzes Jahr lang jeden Tag drei Bilder zu malen. Ende 1993 begann Taylor, die Früchte seiner Arbeit auszustellen. Seitdem stellt er regelmäßig Bilder aus und hat sich dabei nicht weit von dem kantigen Cartoon-Stil entfernt, der seine ersten Arbeiten kennzeichnete. Taylor malt hauptsächlich in Acrylfarben mit Siebdruck- und Schablonenelementen und hat sich im Vergleich zu seiner früheren, schwindelerregend produktiven Periode verjüngt. Johnny Taylors Bilder sind in Galerien in Austin, Boston, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Memphis und Zürich zu sehen.

EINZELAUSSTELLUNGEN

- 2009 FLEA Store, Los Angeles, CA
- 2008 Everything In The World Has Changed, Yard Dog Gallery, Marfa, TX
- 2007 Twenty Seven, Jay Etkin Gallery, Memphis, TN
- Arts At The Airport, Nashville International Airport,

Aerial, Jules Place, Boston, MA

- 2011 Local Color, Parlor Gallery, Asbury Park, NJ
- LA-Zurich, Kunstwarenhaus, Zürich, Switzerland
- Atomic Vision, Tria Gallery, New York, NY
- COLORS, Artspace Warehouse, Los Angeles, CA
- Everything But the Kitschen Sync, La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 Made Out of Beautiful (Pop/UnPop), Parlor Gallery, Asbury Park, NJ
- 2009 Little Exaltations, Deffebach Gallery, Hudson, NY
- 2008 Art Outside 2008, Enchanted Forest, Austin, TX
- Pop Art Now, Matrix Fine Art, Albuquerque, NM

GRUPPENAUSSTELLUNGEN

- 2024 Kunstwarenhaus, Zurich, CH
- 2018 Parlor Gallery, Ashbury Park, NJ
- CODA Gallery, Palm Desert, CA
- 2017 CODA Gallery, Palm Desert, CA
- La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- Coda Gallery, Palm Desert, CA
- La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016 Art Hamptons, NY
- Affordable Art Fair Hong Kong
- 2015 Affordable Art Fair New York, NY
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LITERATURVERZEICHNIS

- 2007 Carver, Jon: "Pop Art Now", The Santa Fean
- Koeppel, Fredric: "Frozen In Time: Taylor's Pop Culture Images", The Commercial Appeal
- 2005 Kobylarz, Philip: "Texas Medicine", Number Magazine
- Koeppel, Fredric: "Burst of Maturity Pours Forth", The Commercial Appeal
- 2004 Koeppel, Fredric: "Taylor's Expression Swims In Bright Colors, Imbued In Popular Culture", The Commercial Appeal
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Born in Helena, Arkansas, Johnny Taylor grew up in and around Memphis, Tennessee. Early inspirations were MAD Magazine, Star Wars, and the rock band KISS. When he entered school, Johnny drew variations of these subjects ad infinitum. This interest in drawing led to a job producing a weekly comic strip at age 10. Thus encouraged, the young cartoonist determined that he would always make art.



Taylor began painting as a student at the University of Memphis (BFA, Art History, 1996). On New Year's Eve of 1992, he made a resolution to paint three paintings a day, every day, for the entire year. By the end of 1993, Taylor had begun exhibiting the fruits of his labor. Showing paintings regularly ever since, he has not strayed far from the hard-edged cartoon style that marked his initial efforts. Primarily painted in acrylics with screen printed and stenciled elements, Taylor's output has tapered from his earlier, dizzyingly prolific period. Johnny Taylor's paintings may be found in galleries in Austin, Boston, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Memphis and Zürich.

Johnny Taylor currently resides in Los Angeles, CA.

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