



Gary Taxali Fine Art & Illustration

ABOUT THE ARTIST

GARY TAXALI

Gary Taxali is an award-winning illustrator, fine artist and toy designer.

Gary has worked for clients including Time, Rolling Stone, Newsweek, GQ and The New York Times.

He has exhibited in many galleries and museums throughout North America and Europe including The Jonathan LeVine Gallery, MondoPOP Gallery, The Antonio Colombo Gallery, Steve Lazarides' gallery, The Outsiders, The Andy Warhol Museum, Museo d'Arte Contemporanea Donna Regina, Naples and The Museum of American Illustration at the Society of Illustrators.

In 2005, he launched his first vinyl toy, The Toy Monkey, which included a special edition along with a silkscreen print commissioned by The Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City. This led Gary to create his own toy company, Chump Toys, which recently saw the release of his OH NO and OH OH vinyl figures.

Aside from his gallery shows and illustration work, Gary also devotes a portion of his time teaching and lecturing at various arts organizations and schools such as OCAD University (Toronto, Canada), The Art Director's Club of Houston (Houston, USA), Dankmarks Designskole (Copenhagen, Denmark) and Istituto Europeo Di Design (Rome, Italy) . He is a Founding Member of IPA (The Illustrators' Partnership of America) and sits on the Advisory Board of 3x3: The Magazine of Contemporary Illustration. Gary has also juried many student and professional competitions including The Society of Illustrators, The National Magazine Awards, The Dallas Society of Visual Communications and 3x3: The Magazine of Contemporary Illustration.

Gary created the cover art and inside illustrations for Aimee Mann's album @#%&*! Smilers, which earned a 2009 Grammy Award Nomination for Best Art Package.

He has also won hundreds of other awards including a Gold Medal from the Society of Illustrators, a Gold Medal from the National Magazine Awards Foundation, a Regional and National Gold Addy , a Shortlist Nomination for a Cannes Lion, and numerous awards from American Illustration, Communication Arts Illustration Annual, Print, Society of Publication Designers, The Chicago Creative Club and The Advertising and Design Club of Canada. In 2010, he released his first children's book entitled This Is Silly, published by Scholastic Press. He lives and works in Toronto, Canada.

