

TOM

OF FINLAND
ART & CULTURE FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 2·3·4



PLEASURE PARK



TOM OF FINLAND EMERGING ARTIST COMPETITION 2014-2015

Tom of Finland Foundation initiated this contest in 1993 based on the principals and ethical codes of its cofounder Touko Laaksonen, a.k.a. Tom of Finland. As artist, mentor and activist for equality, Tom of Finland encouraged freedom of expression and strived to remove stigma inhibiting artistic practice.



FELIPE MERES

Genesis 2 male, measuring gaze, pure anality, 2014, Digital collage, inkjet print on luster paper, 50" x 40".



PAUL GELLMAN

Common Law Cabin Cum Fantasy, 2014, Mixed media, 24" x 18" x 12"

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

and

SINGLE FIGURE

1st Place Winner

JOHN PALATINUS AWARD

FELIPE MERES (USA)

2nd Place Winner

MICHELLE FUGATE (USA)

3rd Place Winner

ALESSANDRO TOMASSETTI (SPAIN)

DUAL FIGURE

1st Place Winner

GARILYN BRUNE DUAL FIGURE AWARD

ROY D. SMITH (USA)

2nd Place Winner

LEO RYDELL JOST (SPAIN)

3rd Place Winners (Tie)

STEFAN HODERLEIN - GKS (GERMANY)

BOSS HOG (USA),

MULTIPLE FIGURE

1st Place Winner

CHRISTINE KESSLER AWARD

STEFAN HODERLEIN - GKS (GERMANY)

2nd Place Winners (Tie)

SYLUS A.J. AFANO (USA)

ANDREW OGUS (USA)

3rd Place Winners (Tie)

LES (USA)

JUSTIN SEARS (USA)

FANTASY

1st Place Winner

PALANCA FANTASY AWARD

CASEY McMANIS (USA)

2nd Place Winners (Tie)

SYLUS A.J. AFANO (USA)

PAUL GELLMAN (USA)

3rd Place Winner

ANDREW SANCHEZ (USA)

PHOTOGRAPHY

1ST Place Winners (Tie)

JAY R. LAWTON AWARD

JOSEPH CONDER (USA)

MARTIN BRADLEY JACOBS (ITALY)

2nd Place Winner

PAUL BUIJS (HOLLAND)

3rd Place Winner

PAULO AURELIANO DA MATA AND MANUEL VASON (PORTUGAL)

Tom of Finland

FOUNDATION

1421 Laveta Terrace
Los Angeles, California 90026

Friday, October 2 - Noon to 10 PM
Saturday, October 3 - Noon to 10 PM
Sunday, October 4 - Noon to 6 PM

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Tom of Finland Toile de Jouy
by Rubén Esparza

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The Foundation Has Produced Art Fairs in Los Angeles Since 1995

Foundation has a roster of 28 art fairs in its history. Presently we produce the Tom of Finland Art & Culture Festival at TOM House.

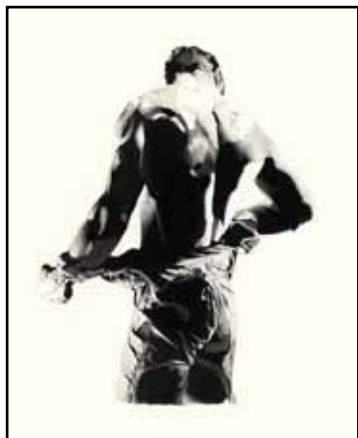
Friday, October 2

Noon to 3:00 PM

Luncheon for Emerging Artist Competition Winners

First run in 1993, the Competition aims to cultivate the next generation of artists who are producing erotic artwork. The main criterion for entry is that the artist is not already commercially selling work that portrays sexuality. The Grand Prize is an original Tom of Finland drawing.

The contest was judged by a stellar group of 10 internationally renowned contemporary artists: assume vivid astro focus (Eli Sudbrack and Christophe Hamaide-Pierson), Elmgreen & Dragset (Michael Elmgreen and Ingar Dragset), Richard Hawkins, Ryan Heffington, Bruce LaBruce, Helmut Lang, Linder and A.L. Steiner.



ANDREW SANCHEZ
Untitled Male_01, 1997, Graphite
on Paper, 15" x 12"



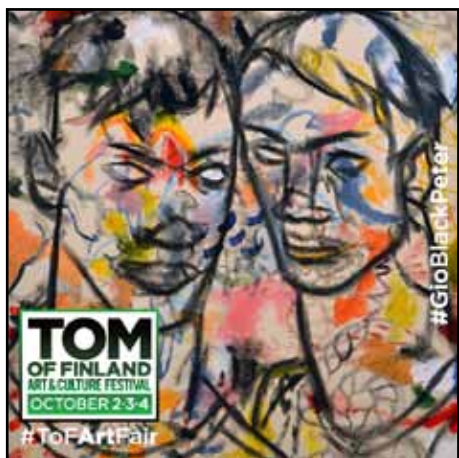
LES
Cowboy Duties, 2013, Pencil on paper,
18" x 24"

Filmmakers

Antonio Da Silva
Bruce LaBruce
Chasen Igleheart
Gio Black Peter
Gregorio Davila
Jamie Ross
La Cruz
Matt Lambert
Mies Mikkonen
Patrick Staff
Phil Tarley
Rich Yap

Curators

Stuart Sandford
Rubén Esparza



Friday, October 2

6:00 to 10:00 PM

Opening - Introduction by Jordan

7:00 - 10:00 PM

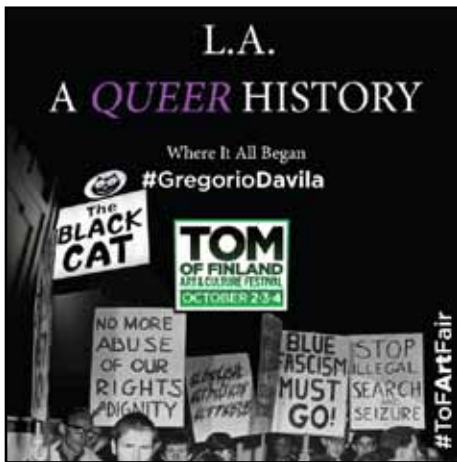
Short Films, Intermission, Performance by _FINE_ARTIST_, Short Films



Mies Mikkonen (former artist-in-residence)



Stuart Sandford (former artist-in-residence)



Performers



The Delusional Illusionist DemenCha



_FINE_ARTIST_

TOM OF FINLAND FOUNDATION AWARDS

TOM's Foundation has presented awards since 2000. Previous recipients include heavy metal rocker Rob Halford; author and filmmaker Clive Barker; social critic Camille Paglia; activist and artist Ivy Bottini; songwriter, musician and poet Rod McKuen; publishers Hugh Hefner, Larry Flynt and Benedikt Taschen; and artists H. R. Geiger, Herb Ritts and Pierre et Gilles.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

DR. TERRY R. GRAND

For leadership and steadfast commitment to the art and culture of our community.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ROGER WARNIX

For years of pioneering contributions to the art of our community.

CULTURAL ICON AWARD

PETER BERLIN

For artistic achievement and immeasurable contributions to the art and culture of our community.

ARTIST HALL OF FAME

RICK CASTRO

For artistic achievements and steadfast commitment to the art and culture of our community.

ARTIST HALL OF FAME

MARK I. CHESTER

For artistic achievements and steadfast commitment to the art and culture of our community.

TOM HOUSE INSPIRATION AWARD

CARRINGTON GALEN

For his vision and determination in making our world a Pleasure Park.

TOM HOUSE INSPIRATION AWARD

S. R. SHARP

For leading by example with his relentless determination and commitment to Tom's Foundation.

Saturday, October 3

Noon to 6:00 PM

Art Fair

& Film Loops Playing in the Living Room

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Life Drawing Sessions with Miguel Angel Reyes

5:00 PM

"Born to Raise Questions"

A Conversation with Durk Dehner, Roger Warnix,
and Terry R. Grand Discussing the Film *Born to Raise Hell*

5:30 PM

Celebrate Gore Vidal's Birthday with Rick Castro in the Dungeon!

6:00 PM

Reception - Emcee Jordan

6:30 PM

The Seraphim Collective - Male Bellydancers

7:00 PM

Introduction - The Delusional Illusionist DemenCha

7:30 PM

Awards Presentation - Durk Dehner

10:00 PM

Closing

SEE US ON YOUTUBE!

View the lecture by artist Tom of Finland to
the students at CalArts, circa 1984.

[youtube.com/user/TomofFinlandsMen](https://www.youtube.com/user/TomofFinlandsMen)



PETER BERLIN



MARK I. CHESTER

Introducing the Poets



Steven Reigns was appointed the first City Poet of West Hollywood, authored *Inheritance* and edited *My Life is Poetry*, featuring his students in the first-ever autobiographical poetry workshop for LGBT seniors. He has taught workshops around the country to LGBT youth and people living with HIV.

www.stevenreigns.com



Ramón García is the author of *The Chronicles* (Red Hen Press, 2015), *Other Countries* (What Books Press, 2010) and *Ricardo Valverde* (University of Minnesota Press, 2013). He has published poetry in a variety of journals and anthologies.



David Parke Epstein is a former editor and writer for *Esquire* magazine. He currently lives at Sunset Junction with a cat named Compton. He's a hopeless romantic who enjoys movies, poetry, and long cocks on the beach.



Matias Viegner is a writer, artist, and critic who teaches at CalArts. He's the author of *2500 Random Things About Me Too*, the editor of *I'm Very Into You* and recently received a Creative Capital award.



Ben Trigg is the co-host of *Two Idiots Peddling Poetry* at the Ugly Mug in Orange, California. He is geektastic. Go to poetryidiots.com for more.

Join Us for the Tea Dance



Wrap up your weekend at TOM House with our Tea Dance from 4:00 to 6:00 PM; strap on your boogie shoes and turn the beat around with the sunset people, doing it right on our patio dance floor with '70s disco and classic rock.

Sunday, October 4

Noon to 6:00 PM
Art Fair
& Film Loops Playing in the Living Room

1:00 - 4:00 PM
Life Drawing Sessions with Miguel Angel Reyes

1:00 PM & 3:00 PM
Erotic Poetry Curated by Steven Reigns

3:45 - 4:00 PM
Performance by Jordan

4:00 - 6:00 PM
Tea Dance

6:00 PM
Closing Ceremony



Jeffrey Gent

Jeffrey Gent, based in Los Angeles, California, is the creator and curator of the popular website, www.homohistory.com, the largest database of vintage same-sex couple images available online.

The photos that are on view are from his private collection, which have never been exhibited before. Gent's photos represent just a small fragment of our Gay and Lesbian history. Unfortunately, so many of these photos were purposely destroyed by horrified family members.

For every photo that may have been mistakenly identified as Gay, thousands more were burned or torn into pieces to keep a family secret. By sharing these photos of vintage Gay couples, we can correct the social injustice that they endured by seeing them in a brand new light.

Artist Directory

ALTON DuLANEY

altondulaney.com

Photography

ANTEBELLUM GALLERY

antebellumgallery.blogspot.com

Fetish photos, art, mixed media, books

CASEY McMANIS

caseymcmanis.com

Oil / acrylic paintings & digital prints

DALMIRO QUIROGA PHOTOGRAPHY

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Fine art photography

DAVID ATILANO

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Printmaking & drawing

FETISH-ARTIST.COM

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Kinky drawings

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Virtual / airbrush artwork

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Exploration of male sexuality

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SPOONING ARMCHAIR

spooningarmchair.com

Armchairs & ottomans

STEVEN H. GARCIA

cargocollective.com/stevenhgarcia

Digital comic pin-ups

TALL PAUL GELLMAN

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Pillows, paintings, prints, prick drawings

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Various media & subjects

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Bruce LaBruce
Chasen Igleheart
homo riot
Josef Jasso

La Cruz
Miguel Angel Reyes
Naruki Kukita
Nik O Nik
Phil Tarley
Rafael Santiago

FOUNDATION GALLERY

Goh Mishima
Nigel Kent
Teddy of Paris
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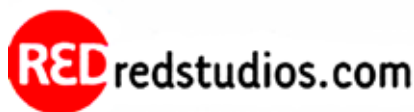


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MICHAEL KIRWAN

Drawing Workshops with Miguel Angel Reyes



Naked & Loving It: One Local Artist Has the Utmost Appreciation for Male Nude Figures

And after attending one of Miguel Angel Reyes' nude figure drawing workshops at the Tom of Finland Foundation, you will too.

Long before Grindr, Scruff, Snapchat, and that leaked Cheyenne Jackson video, there was erotic art—skilled hands and sharp eyes that captured every detail of the naked human body.

Artists like L.A.'s very own Miguel Angel Reyes keeps this traditional art form alive in his own work at the Tom of Finland Foundation's monthly Life Drawing Workshops... You'll be under Reyes' gentle wing, himself a former workshop attendee before he took over as coordinator nearly 10 years ago. – Lydia Siriprakorn, *FRONTIERS*



JEAN-LOUIS GAILLEMIN



JEREMY LUCIDO

Growing The Next Guard

Big.

In the 1930s, a teen boy in rural Finland began creating erotic drawings of loggers, farm hands and other masculine figures. Over the years, the bodily proportions of these figures grew and so did the impact of the artist who, under the name 'Tom of Finland', **made it big** as one of the world's most recognizable erotic artists.

Or should we say, **"made it bigger"**?

Bigger.

In 1984, Tom cofounded Tom of Finland Foundation (ToFF), which preserves and promotes the erotic art of Tom and those who have followed him. **Thanks to the support of our members**, ToFF has increased Tom's impact, spreading his influence across countries, industries and ever-expanding audiences.

Here's what your support has helped us to achieve in recent months.

We **increased Tom's esteem**. Tom's work was exhibited in Helsinki, Berlin and LA. Tom's work received coverage in a range of global media, including an extensive photo spread and article in *Wallpaper* magazine. ToFF was even awarded a Medal of Honor by the City of Kaarina, the town where Tom was born and raised. We also **expanded the exposure of Tom's art in new forms**,

working with new partners and artists to see the release of Tom of Finland linens, athletic wear, and even limited edition t-shirts, leather jackets and handmade rugs by a world-class designer. Finally, in **growing the next generation of erotic artists**, we announced the winner of our Emerging Artist Competition, and ran monthly erotic life drawing workshops and many other events.

But the biggest is yet to come.

Biggest.

We completed work on the biggest exhibition of Tom's works to date. This exhibition has just closed in New York and will travel to various cities in Europe. A forthcoming biopic of Tom, the release of a high-quality range of Tom of Finland sex toys and other ToFF projects might well make the next 12 months our biggest year yet.

But ToFF remains a not-for-profit organization. We **need your help** to realize these projects, and continue our ongoing programs and operation. By joining, renewing your membership or upgrading to another membership level (contributions are tax-deductible), you can contribute to **a bigger cause** that will see erotic art preserved and promoted for years to come.

Warmest regards,



Durk Dehner
President & Cofounder



S. R. Sharp
VP | Curator

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Tom of Finland Foundation (ToFF) was created in 1984 by artist Tom of Finland (Touko Laaksonen, 1920 – 1991), and Durk Dehner, who has been at the helm of the Foundation since its inception. Tom's work, first published in the mid-1950s, has had an enormous impact on hundreds of thousands of Gay men and women, and has widely influenced mainstream western culture as well.

The purpose of the Foundation was to preserve Tom's work for future generations, but within a few years, the mission was broadened to include **protecting, preserving and promoting all erotic art**.

The Foundation offers an ever-widening variety of programs in pursuit of this mission.



THE PERMANENT COLLECTION AND ARCHIVES

The Permanent Collection, which today contains more than 2,000 original works by Tom, and another 1,500 by hundreds of other artists, and the Archives, with well over 500,000 images, documents, and memorabilia, together comprise the world's largest repository of erotic art. Located in a 1910 Craftsman house, the Foundation maintains a revolving exhibition of over 150 different works from the Permanent Collection, and invites collectors, students, researchers, and the general public to visit the Archives by appointment.

The Foundation invites artists of all genders and orientations to submit examples of their erotic work to the Archives and the Permanent Collection. By including the Foundation in their wills and trusts, collectors have found the Foundation to be the safest and most appropriate destination for their support and personal collections.

WEBSITE • ART EVENTS • GALLERIES

The website at TomOfFinlandFoundation.org is regularly updated with artist profiles, Foundation events, and erotic art exhibitions worldwide. There are galleries of original artwork and links to artists' websites.

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER SIGN UP

The eNews is a free monthly bulletin sent out to subscribers on events and exhibitions worldwide, links to artists' websites, erotic art news, Foundation announcements, membership and volunteer information. TomOfFinlandFoundation.org/foundation/enews

MEMBERSHIP

The Foundation is a nonprofit membership organization, with membership levels ranging from Artist (\$25), to Recruit (\$50), on up to Lifetime (\$2,500). Please consider joining: your contribution will help preserve the cultural legacy of the past, nurture the present, and insure the future of erotic art.

HOUSE TOURS

A perfect outing for you and your friends. Book a tour of TOM House. Experience a guided tour through the gardens and the three story 100 year old Craftsman atop the hills of Echo Park. View over 150 works of art from artists from around the globe. Experience a visit to Tom's studio, where he created many of the works from his final and most prolific decade of his lengthy career.

TOM'S REPRESENTATION

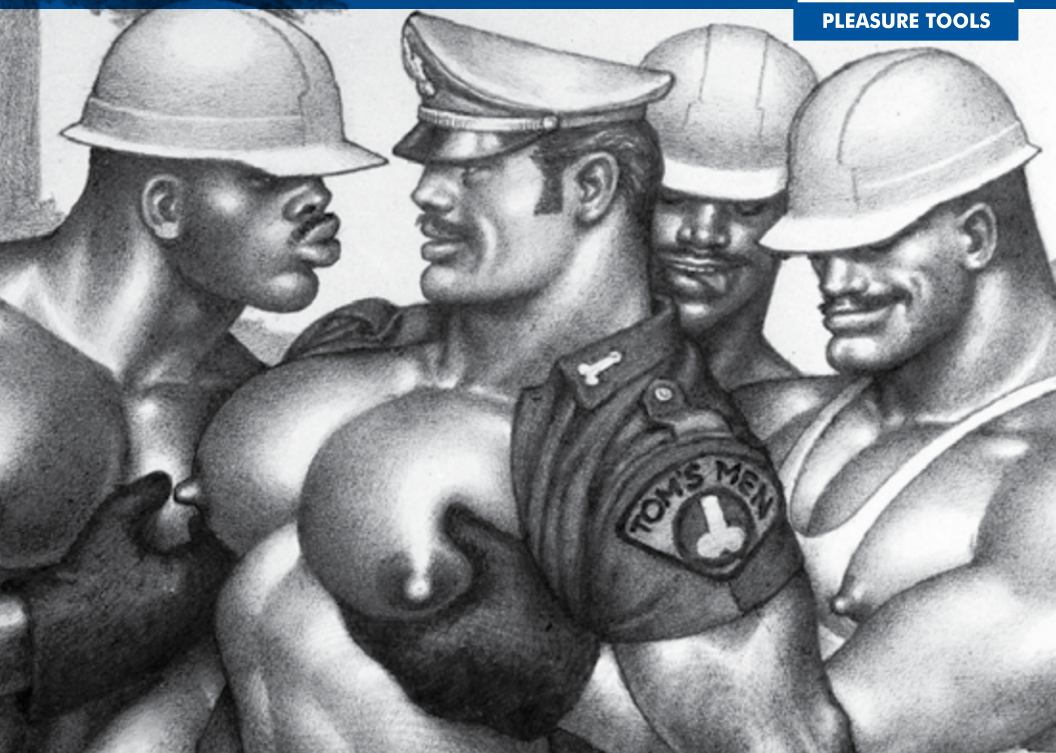
Find Tom of Finland original artwork at David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles.



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