

HOSTLER BURROWS

NILS ERICHSEN MARTIN

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Nils Erichsen Martin (Norwegian, b. 1969) is a ceramicist producing graphic, figurative sculptures and bas-reliefs infused with the playful gestures and signs of everyday identity. Martin's aesthetic lifts from consumer culture, Cubism, drawn animation, and graphic advertisement. Often comic in appearance, his porcelain and stoneware troupe of characters is comprised of martial artists and skateboarders, snooker players and pranksters, among a host of other personas. As participants in street sports and youth subcultures, these characters perform an irreverent and flippant nonchalance, often posing and showing off or reclined in supine indolence. Cartoon-like, their jagged haircuts, elongated fingers, cylindrical limbs, and rounded body parts set them apart. Occasionally, Martin returns to the smooth curves of these sculptures, incorporating drawings on the porcelain surface with oxide pencils. The division between two-dimensional perspective and three-dimensional rendering is muddled, each glimpse of a character superimposed on a subsequent one, giving the impression of dynamic motion as in a comic strip, a kickboxing match, or a strobe-lit music video.

Martin holds a masters degree in ceramics from the Norwegian National Academy of Craft and Art Industry. He has exhibited widely in Norway and internationally, including at the CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art, the Kunstbanken Art Museum, the Sørlandet Art Museum, the Jingdezhen Ceramic University Art Museum, the Suzhou Jinji Lake Art Museum, and the Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts. From 1994–95, he was a visiting artist at the Leedy/Voukos Art Center in Kansas City, MO. Martin received the ten-year national grant for established artists in 2014 and again in 2023.

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EDUCATION

1993 MFA, Ceramics Department, Norwegian National Academy of Craft and Art Industry

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Pop Cowboy*, Grenland Art Hall, Porsgrunn, Norway
- 2018 *Loose Fit Supertight*, Format Gallery, Oslo, Norway
- 2013 *Pop from the Barricades*, Format Gallery, Oslo, Norway
- 2009 *Veldig Krig*, Kunstnerforbundet Gallery, Oslo, Norway
- 2007 *Re-ament Time*, Blomqvist auction house, Oslo, Norway
- 2002 *Men of Steel*, Bomuldsfabriken Art hall, Arendal, Norway
- 2001 *Apollo 13* Format(Kraft) Gallery, Bergen, Norway
- 2000 *Boy Pranks*, The Norwegian Drawing Association, Oslo, Norway

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Lys*, SKOG Artspace, Oslo, Norway
- 2023 *Ceramics Ringebu*
- 2022 *Skulptursti*, Wergelandshaugen Art Center, Eidsvoll, Norway
- 2021 *As Far as My Eyes Can Sea*, Bomuldsfabrik Art Hall, Arendal, Norway
- Happy Go Nothing*, Studio 1/2, Oslo, Norway
- JDZ International Ceramic Art Biennale*, Jingdezhen, China
- Less Than 0,002 mm*, Hå Gamle Prestegård, Jæren, Norway
- Galleri Villvin*, Risør, Norway
- Hvitsten Salong*, Hvitsen, Norway
- 2020 *IAC New Members Exhibition*, Beijing Guozhong Ceramic Art Museum, Beijing, China
- 2019 *Ceramic Momentum*, CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art, Middelfart, Denmark
- 2018 *Chart Design*, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2017 *Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Arts and Crafts*, The Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Oslo, Norway
- 2016 *Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Arts and Crafts*, The Museum of Decorative Arts

- and Design, Oslo, Norway
- 2015 *Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Arts and Crafts*, The Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Oslo, Norway
Transformer, Kunstnerforbundet, Oslo, Norway
 Bomuldsfabriken Art Hall, Arendal, Norway
 Hydrogenfabrikken, Fredrikstad, Norway
- 2014 *Beyond G(l)aze*, Jinji Lake Art Museum, Suzhou, China
Transformer, Kunstnerforbundet, Oslo, Norway
 SOFA Chicago
- 2012 *Collect*, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
- 2011 *Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Arts and Crafts*, The Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Oslo, Norway
- 2010 *Essens*, Kunstbanken Art Museum, Hamar, Norway
 Kuben Art Museum, Ålesund, Norway
 Telephonebooth Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2009 *Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Arts and Crafts*, The Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Oslo, Norway
 Telephonebooth Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2008 *A World of Folk*, Stavanger, Norway
 Telephonebooth Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2007 *Meccano*, Sørlandet Art Museum, Kristiansand, Norway
 Telephonebooth Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2006 *World Ceramics*, Steninge Castle, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2004 *Østlandsutstillingen Annual Art Exhibition*, Norway
Vårutstillingen, The Norwegian Drawing Association, Oslo, Norway
- 2003 *Trolls*, International traveling exhibition by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2002 *Norwegian Ceramics*, München, Germany
- 2001 *Sothebys International Young Art*, Sothebys, Tel Aviv, Israel
Vårutstillingen, The Norwegian Drawing Association, Oslo, Norway
Østlandsutstillingen Annual Art Exhibition, Norway
 The Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, New York, NY
- 1999 *Ceramic Millenium*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 1998 *Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Arts and Crafts*, The Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Oslo, Norway
Talente, München, Germany
- 1997 *Tendenser*, Gallery F-15, Jeløya, Norway
- 1995 Leedy/Voukos Art Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 1995 *Brytninger*, Nordenfjeldske Kunstindustrimuseum – The National Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Trondheim, Norway
- 1994 *Vi Blomstrer*, The Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Oslo, Norway

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

- 2016 Bodø High School
- 2015 Bodø High School
- 2014 Bodø High School
Vennesla High School
- 2003 Mysen Primary School

COLLECTIONS

- 2021 Sørlandets Kunstmuseum SKMU
- 2020 REV Ocean
- 2017 Bank of Norway
- 2015 The City of Oslo, Norway
- 2013 The Vest Region Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Bergen, Norway
- 2012 The North Region Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Trondheim, Norway
- 2011 St. Olav's Hospital, Trondheim, Norway
- 2003 The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2002 The Vest Region Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Bergen, Norway
- 2001 The Vest Region Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Bergen, Norway
- 2000 The National Museum's Drawing Collection, Oslo, Norway
The North Region Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Trondheim, Norway
The Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Oslo, Norway
- 1998 The Vest Region Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Bergen, Norway
- 1996 The Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Oslo, Norway

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2023 Ten-year National Grant for Established Artists
- 2014 Ten-year National Grant for Established Artists
- 2013 Study Grant from the Arts and Crafts Fund
- 2012 Study Grant from the Arts and Crafts Fund
- 2011 Unrestricted National Grant
- 2009 Two-year National Work Grant
- 2006 Three-year National Work Grant
- 2003 National Grant for Material Costs
- 2002 One-year National Work Grant for Younger Artists
- 2001 National Grant for Travels
The City of Oslo Culture Prize
First Place Prize, Steen Gallery, Spring Exhibition
- 2000 National Grant for Debutants

- One-year National Work Grant for Younger Artists
- 1999 One-year National Work Grant for Younger Artists
- 1998 National Grant for Young Artists
Third Place Prize, Steen Gallery, Spring Exhibition
- 1994 National Grant for Material Costs