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Artist Statement:

“What I try to do each time in my works is to stage a carnival. Eccentric, shocking, unpredictable. An unusual dancing parade, formed by bizarre and unique subjects, in which the colors represent my feelings and the lines my thoughts. An emotional chaos that rearranges.

I've always loved drawing on paper because it reminded me of an intimate and protected place, in which I could experience and find out the outside through my inner world. However I have not given up on constantly working on other supports and with new techniques. Painting on canvas, prints, collages and digital compositions, up to the sculpture, making my subjects three-dimensional.

What I really want to do by drawing is get out as much as I can of rusty mental and cultural patterns. I want to transmit vitality and instill power, unmask taboos and social clichés. I want my art to be taken as a blatant punk anthem of one's own inner revolution”.

Biography:

Thomas Ray is the pseudonym for *Thomas Raimondi*.

Born on May 17, 1981 in Legnano (MI), Italy. Graduated in 2006 at Milan Polytechnic in Communication Design.

Graphic designer, visual artist, freelance illustrator operating in the underground scene through several publications (*Lucifer Edition, Faesthetic, Belio, Le Dernier Cri, Laurence King, United Dead Artists..*) and exhibitions in Italy and abroad.

He works and has worked for several national clients like *VICE, Rolling Stone Magazine, Rockit, Mondadori, Men's Health*, and international like *Solomon Snowboards, T-Post, Heavy Tees* also making the artworks for bands such *Motorpsycho, Monolithic, Sugarfoot*.

He's the co-founder with artists *M. Guidarini* and *S. Cerioli*, in 2016, of the gypsy punk art project “*KILL YOUR IDOLS Crew*”.

In 2008 he taught illustration at *NABA (New Academy of Fine Arts of Milan)* where he regularly still does workshops. He's also actively involved in the school-project *TAM-TAM* founded by famous italian designers *Alessandro Guerriero* and *Alessandro Mendini*.

In the last few years he's held workshops and talks in several educational facilities and universities such *NABA, BRERA (Academy of Fine Arts of Milan)*, the University of Bergamo and more.

Main Clients:

- MEN'S HEALTH (ITALIA)
- MONDADORI - STRADE BLU (ITALIA)
- ROLLING STONES MAGAZINE (ITALIA)
- SALOMON SNOWBOARDS (FRANCIA)
- VICE (ITALIA)
- CAMISETERIA (BRASILE)
- ANTI DENIM (NORVEGIA)
- ROCKIT (ITALIA)
- CRISPIN GLOVER RECORDS (NORVEGIA)
- MOTORPSYCHO music band (NORVEGIA)
- DOG&SKY music band (NORVEGIA-USA)
- MONOLITHIC music band (NORVEGIA)
- LATE GUSET AT THE PARTY music band (ITALIA)
- PETER KERNEL music band (SVIZZERA)
- FITNESS PUMP music band (ITALIA)
- COSMETIC music band (ITALIA)
- SUGARFOOT music band (NORVEGIA)
- CANE ANDALUSO RECORDS (ITALIA)
- 42 RECORDS (ITALIA)
- NABA - NUOVA ACCADEMIA DI BELLE ARTI DI MILANO (ITALIA)
- BRERA - ACCADEMIA DI BELLE ARTI DI MILANO (ITALIA)
- G.CARRARA - ACCADEMIA DI BELLE ARTI DI BERGAMO (ITALIA)
- HEAVY TEES (USA)
- T-POST (SVEZIA)
- MEZZAPAROLA STREATWEAR (ITALIA)
- PRONTIALPEGGIO (ITALIA)
- LAURENCE KING PUBLISHING (GRAN BRETAGNA)
- FAESTHETIC MAGAZINE (USA)
- LUCIVER EDITION (SVIZZERA)
- HIRNTRUST GRIND MEDIA (AUSTRIA)
- BOLO PAPER (ITALIA)
- BBW - BLOOD BECOMES WATER (BULGARIA)
- EL TEMERARIO MAGAZINE (SPAGNA)
- LE DERNIER CRI (FRANCIA)
- UNITED DEAD ARTISTS (FRANCIA)
- POSTERIZES (AUSTRALIA)
- PUDDERLUDDER SKIS (NORVEGIA)
- PARKLIFE FESTIVAL (ITALIA)
- MIAMI FESTIVAL (ITALIA)
- SRYCHNIN GALLERY (GERMANIA-USA)
- ROJO GALLERY (SPAGNA)
- THE SEMIPERMANENT (AUSTRALIA)
- IL NASCONDIGLIO (ITALIA)
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Main Collective Exhibitions:

2006:

- "Assalti al Cuore - Festival" at Rimini (Italy).

2008:

- "Giochi in Scatola" at Japanese Cultural Association Gallery, Milan (Italy).
- "Come un'Anomalia" at Galleria Circolo Culturale Togunà, Inverigo (Italy).
- "New Rant 2" at Agolanti's Castle, Riccione (Italy).
- "Hello my name is Señor Blanco" at Civic Museum of Bassano del Grappa (Italy).
- "New Art, New Pop 2: the evolution at Spazio Studio, Milan (Italy).
- "New Art, New Pop III" at Dell'Ombra Gallery, Brescia (Italy).

2009:

- "Pop Disaster" at Polar Expo, Bergamo (Italy).
- "L00p - Tour" at Assab One Space, Milan (Italy). At Tiendaderecha Gallery, Barcelona, (Spain).
- "Belio & the effect 2000 Generation" at Apetit Gallery. Bilbao (Spain). At Espacio 8 Gallery, Madrid (Spain). At Miscelânea Gallery, Barcelona (Spain). At Ras Gallery, Barcelona, (Spain). At Neuroti-tan Gallery, Berlin (Germany).

2010:

- "Belio X10- 10th anniversary exhibition tour" at CCCE L'Escorxador, Elche (Spain).
- "Rifiutando" at Foundation "Torre Colombera", Gorla Maggiore (Italy).
- "Discotheque? Gipsotheque!" at Triennale DesignCafè, Milan (Italy).
- "Christmas Rodeo" at Antonio Colombo Contemporary Art, Milan (Italy).
- "Fluorescente Night Before Christmas" at Mibu-Lab, Vicenza (Italy).

2011:

- "Face To Face" at Spazio Combines XL, Milan (Italy).
- "Humanoid" at Four Roses Gallery - Mad Agency, Milan (Italy).
- "Artika Festival 0.5" at Recanati City Center (Italy).
- "500 Contemporary Art Meeting" at Spazio Concept, Milan (Italy).
- "Sto Disegnando!!!" at Circoloquadro, Milan (Italy).
- "Room Of Requirement" at Bloom – The creative Industries Art Show, Cologne (Germany).
- "Sweet Sheet IV" at Zelle Contemporary Art, Palermo (Italy).
- "Blooms of Daphne" at Fabrica Fluxus Art Gallery, Bari (Italy).

2012:

- "Past Forward" with Strychnin Gallery at Civic Museums, Bassano del Grappa (Italy).
- "In Art We Trust" at Seicentro Gallery, Milan (Italy).

2015:

- "La Bellezza Fa 40" at Carlo V Castle, Lecce (Italy).

2017:

- "KILL YOUR IDOLS CREW" at Studi Festival, Milan (Italy).

2018:

- "KILL YOUR IDOLS CREW" at Bottega dell'Argento, Milan (Italy).
- "I Lari. Gli spiriti protettori della casa" at Antonio Colombo Contemporary Art, Milan (Italy).

2019:

- "KILL YOUR IDOLS CREW + Laurina Paperina" at Art Mall, Milan (Italy).

2020:

- "Vinyl Art Mania" at Ride Milano, Milano (Italy).
- "HABITAT - Abitazioni D'Artista" at Area 3, Milano (Italy).
- "KILL YOUR IDOLS CREW- SKIN" at Hive Tattoo Art Gallery, Milano (Italy).

2021:

- "RE-Birthing" at PARATISSIMA Art Station, Torino (Italy).
- "Mostra/Mostri" at A Pick Gallery, Torino (Italy).

Main Solo Exhibitions:

2007:

- "Disco Inferno" at Limited- No art gallery, Milan (Italy).

2008:

- "Veritas Vos Liberat" at Limited - No Art Gallery, Milan (Italy).

2012:

- "GORNOLAND" at CLAM, Lodi (Italy).

2013:

- "Burn Your House Down" at Rojo Artspace Kalpany, Milan (Italy).

2014:

- "Alterazioni Festival" Artist-in-residence at Aldobrandesco Castle, Arcidosso (Italy).

2017:

- "GORNOLAND" at Guasto Village, Bologna (Italy).

