

## **Matt Colagiuri**

International artist and photographer Matt Colagiuri was born in Montclair, NJ, in the shadow of New York City. As a student of Yale University, he sang with the renowned a *capella* singing group and the Whiffenpoofs – an adventure that culminated in a three month world tour. After graduating with a degree he moved into Manhattan to pursue his first love: theatre. There, he completed his acting training and worked in the city for over a decade.

Following this venture Matt decided to rekindle his connection and passion for the arts by returning to school at the Art Institute of Atlanta. Graduating at the top of his class with a degree in Media Arts and Animation his clients at this time included blue-chip companies such as Atlanta Braves and Coca-Cola among others. It was at this period in his career that he decided to pursue his other strong passion: photography.

Matt no longer animates, dedicating himself instead to his sculptural Photography. His work has been exhibited in Paris, London, New York and San Francisco.

“With my Sculptural Photography I aim to take the familiar, deconstruct it, and re-present it in a manner that challenges the senses. I draw from all the various elements of my background – animation, acting, even the anthropology!- to combat the photographic complacency and engage the viewer in a unique fashion. When the form is not immediately recognisable, the imagery draws you in and invites the viewer to reconsider their preconceptions on the subject matter.

With my Pop Art Series, I deliberately try to evoke imagery from the other artist’s work for the first time in my career. I’, hoping the series brings to mind the work of Warhol...plus the style of the pulp magazine print style of the 50’s...as well as remaining true to the voice of my own Sculptural Photography. For me, the gradient of colour represents the impermanence of human emotion – for good or ill”.

## **Education**

- 2001 Art Institute of Atlanta, Atlanta GA (BA Hons)
- 1991 American Musical and Dramatic Academy, NY (BA)
- 1988 Yale University

## **Exhibitions**

- 2011 The London Art Fair, Mark Jason Gallery, London
- 2010 AAF New York, Mark Jason Gallery, London
- 2009 Group Show, Krause Gallery, Atlanta GA
  - AquaArt in conjunction with Krause Gallery, Miami FL
  - Art Party, Group Show, San Francisco CA
  - AAF, London, Galerie du Fleuve
  - Visual Aid Benefit, Charity Auction, San Francisco, CA
  - Solo Show, Krause Gallery, Atlanta GA
  - AAF Paris, Galerie Samagra, France
  - Group Show, Marcus Institute Benefit, Atlanta GA
  - Off the wall, group show, Geras-Tousignant Gallery, SF, CA
  - The Grid, Geras-Tousignant, SF, CA
  - Fifth Anniversary Event, Krause Gallery, Atlanta, GA
  - AAF, New York, Krause Gallery, NY
  - Group Show, Galerie Samagra, Paris, France
  - Group show, Galerie du Fleuve, Paris, France
  - ArtKarlsruhe in conjunction with Galerie Samagra, Germany
  - The Black and White show, Krause Gallery, Atlanta GA
- 2008 Group Show, Galerie Samagra, Paris, France
  - Solo Show, Krause Gallery, Atlanta, GA
  - Spectrum no.6, invited charity auction, San Francisco, CA
  - AAF London, Galerie Samagra
  - Group Show, Geras-Tousignant Gallery, San Francisco CA
  - AAF New York, Krause Gallery
  - Art Party, Group Show, San Francisco, CA
  - The Big Finish, High Museum of Art, Atlanta GA
- 2007 Spectrum no.5, Invited Charity Auction, San Francisco CA
  - Solo Show, Krause Gallery, Atlanta
  - Marcus Institute Benefit, Group Show, Atlanta GA
  - Group Show, Geras-Tousignant Gallery, San Francisco CA
  - Group Show, Oceana benefit, San Francisco, CA
- 2006 Group Show, Geras-Tousignant Gallery, San Francisco, CA
  - Solo show, Krause Gallery, Atlanta GA
  - Glenn Hotel, Permanent Collection, Atlanta GA
- 2005 Solo Show, Krause Gallery, Atlanta GA
  - Group Show, Gallery Eleven 50, Atlanta GA
  - Solo show, On Stage Atlanta, GA
  - Group Show, Krause Gallery, Atlanta GA
- 2004 Solo Show, Krause Gallery, Atlanta GA
  - On stage Atlanta, Invited Group Show, Atlanta GA

Awakening-Art Expo, Group Show, Atlanta GA

**Awards**

Best Portfolio, 2001, Art Institute of Atlanta

Outstanding Academic Achievement, 2001, Art Institute of Atlanta

**Private Collections**

Billie and Bernie Marcus Co-founder The Home Depot, The Georgia Aquarium

Jorge Perez Chairman and belated Group Miami, Florida.

Rosalind Minkhorst, board of directors, The High Museum, Atlanta GA

David Marvin, Founder and President, The Legacy Group, Atlanta GA.