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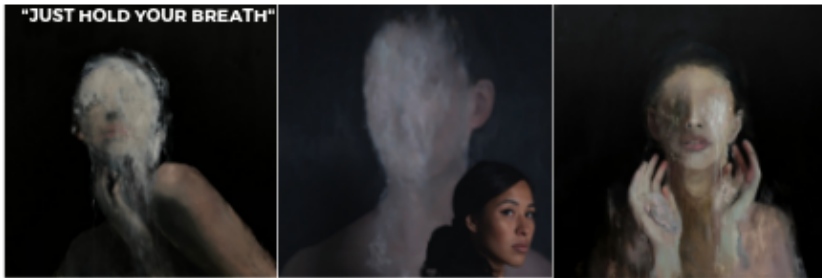
Art from around the world, in a multitude of mediums and expressions

Lou Patrou is an American born artist who lives in the greater New York City region. He has been drawing and painting faces and figures since the mid 1960s and has a portfolio that spans over four decades. Patrou's work is sometimes difficult to categorize because he doesn't always use the same artistic language, repeat the same disciplines or follow a predictable straight direction with his work. Some pieces are whimsical and colorful and have a strong design sense, some are serious black & white surrealistic pieces and others pop iconic. In the 1980s he did a lot of spontaneous works and now plans his drawings and paintings out more carefully with more design focus and also has scaled up the size of the work. The one definitive thing you could say is that Patrou is obsessed with making faces and finding new ways to create designs and forms out of them and inside of them.

Lou participated in the Cartoon Network's 20th Anniversary Show for ComicCon 2012 in San Diego. His painting for the show is featured in the limited hard cover book published exclusively for Turner Entertainment. Lou's Pop Surreal and pattern paintings were chosen to be included in the Firebox Artist Collection of hand pressed collectible micro-booklets that is currently touring France as part of a group show of international artists.



Lia Kimura [is] a Japan-born Polish painter and fashion designer. Kimura's work is mostly connected with her place of birth, search for identity and intensive feelings: the experience of death, alienation, and hope. Her paintings represent both the traditional form of expression and the experimental approach, in which the figurative body together with the abstract matter became the key themes of creative considerations. The artist currently lives and works in Warsaw, wherein 2016 she started her career as a professional artist. Her paintings belong to private collections and appear regularly at the auctions in Polish auction houses.



Jeff Crass was born in a small city outside of Dayton, Ohio to a father who was a Nikon award-winning photographer and a mother who is an amateur artist of the written word...[He] works in the Jacksonville, Florida and surrounding areas with professionals on rebranding themselves with head shots, website imagery and other photography services. Photography details/credits below.

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"Cora Byrd" images: Makeup: Melanie Crass, Stylist: Kayla Mullins

"Kayla Mullins" images: Makeup and Stylist: Kayla Mullins

Vanity" series: Makeup and Stylist: Kayla Mullins



Anastasia Stročkova, illustrator, textile designer.

Bold colours, dynamic patterns, humour and endless hours spent with drawing and making her style to be a prominent choice for any kind of illustration project. I am using illustration tool to explain issues, make the ideas visible and create new worlds. Illustrations are more than pictures in books. It is a language, understood all around the world. I use it to explicate, for dreaming and to find the shortcut to someone else's mind.