

Rob Pruitt

Biografia

Rob Pruitt è nato a Washington DC nel 1964 e ha studiato al Corcoran College of Art and Design di Washington DC e alla Parsons School of Design di New York. Vive e lavora a New York.

Dall'inizio degli anni Novanta, le ricerche provocatorie di Rob Pruitt sulla cultura popolare americana hanno assunto diverse forme. Dal celebre Cocaine Buffet (1998) ai ritratti glitterati di panda o alla significativa serie dei Suicide Paintings, le opere di Pruitt sono un'interpretazione surreale e stravagante del mondo pop, uno sguardo caleidoscopico sulla cultura di massa che esplora gli aspetti multipli e i paradossi del nostro tempo.

Nel corso della sua carriera, Rob Pruitt ha approfondito la sua capacità di esprimere idee complesse sulla cultura e sulla società attraverso la reinterpretazione di oggetti e materiali comuni con un grande umorismo e spiccata ironia. Con la serie Mask, l'artista continua a cercare di rappresentare la profondità dell'animo umano e delle emozioni. I gesti facciali sono infatti incisi sulla tela con un rasoio - distruttivi e creativi allo stesso tempo - si combinano in un insieme di sfumature, motivi e stampe per creare un personaggio

Esposizioni personali

2025

2025 - Moon Cycles, MASSIMODECARLO Pièce Unique , Paris, F

2024

2024 - Holiday, MASSIMODECARLO, Milan, I

2024 - Help Me Lift You Up, Air de Paris, Paris, F

2023

2023 - B&W Narcissus, MASSIMODECARLO Pièce Unique, Paris , F

2023 - The Golden Hour, 303 Gallery, New York, USA

2022

2022 - New Faces, 303 Gallery, New York, USA

2022 - No Longer Endangered, but Vulnerable, MASSIMODECARLO, Hong Kong, HK

2022 - Panda-Monium in Beijing, MASSIMODECARLO, Beijing, PRC

2021

2021 - These are the days of our lives , 303 Gallery, New York, USA

2020

2020 - Masks, Massimo De Carlo, Milano, I

2020 - The John Armleder and Rob Pruitt Show, Massimo De Carlo, VSpace,

2019

2019 - The Obama Paintings, Rebuild Foundation, Chicago, USA

2017

- 2017 - I Père Lachaise Cemetery, Rod Bianco, Oslo, N
- 2017 - Rob Pruitt: The Church, a cura di Daniel Baumann, Kunsthalle Zurich, Zurich, CH
- 2017 - You Get The Face You Deserve, Air de Paris, Paris, F
- 2017 - You Get The Face You Deserve, Air de Paris, Paris, F

2016

- 2016 - Hong Kong Panda, Massimo De Carlo, Hong Kong, HK

2015

- 2015 - Therapy Paintings, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK
- 2015 - The Obama Paintings and The Lincoln Monument, MoCAD, Detroit , USA

2014

- 2014 - Struktur & Organismus, Mühldorf, A
- 2014 - Multiples personalities, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York , USA

2013

- 2013 - The Suicide Paintings, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK
- 2013 - Rob Pruitt: An American Folk Artist, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, USA
- 2013 - Us, Art Unlimited, Art Basel, Basel, CH
- 2013 - The Last Panda, Gavin Brown's enterprise at 436 W. 15th St., New York, USA

2012

- 2012 - Flea Market. Rob Pruitt, Monnaie de Paris, Paris, F
- 2012 - History of the World, Kunstverein Freiburg, Friburgo, D
- 2012 - Faces: People and Pandas, Massimo De Carlo, Milano, I

2011

- 2011 - ROB PRUITT, Dallas Contemporary, Dallas Texas, USA
- 2011 - The Andy Monument, Public Art Fund, New York, USA
- 2011 - The Andy Monument, Air de Paris, Paris, F

2010

- 2010 - Pattern and Degradation, Gavin Brown's Enterprise & Maccarone, New York, USA
- 2010 - iPaintings, Franco Noero Gallery, Torino, I
- 2010 - Pop Touched Me, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, USA. Catalogo

2009

- 2009 - Rob Pruitt Presents the First Annual Art Awards, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA
- 2009 - ProjectSpace, Franco Noero Gallery, Torino, I
- 2009 - Look What I've Done: Rob Pruitt Works 1989 - 2009, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK. Catalogo

2008

- 2008 - iPhotos, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, USA
- 2008 - Davos Dilemma, Académie de France, Roma, I
- 2008 - iPhone Photos, Power House Memphis, Tennessee, USA
- 2008 - Master Artist in Residence Exhibition, Atlantic Center for the Arts, New Smyrna Beach Florida, USA

2007

- 2007 - Rob Pruitt's Flea Market, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, London, UK

2006

- 2006 - Rob Pruitt, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, USA
- 2006 - Bergdorf Goodman Window Display, sponsored by New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, USA

2004

2004 - Paris in Tokyo, Gallery Side 2, Tokyo, J
2004 - Paris in Rome, Roma Roma Roma, Roma, I

2003

2003 - Surreal Estate, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, USA

2002

2002 - Rob Pruitt, Air de Paris, Paris, F

2001

2001 - Pandas and Bamboo, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, USA
2001 - 101 Art Ideas You Can Do Yourself, Contemporary Art Center, Cincinnati, USA

2000

2000 - Flea Market, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, USA
2000 - Psychic Predictions for the New Millennium & Thing to do with Lemons, Cabinet Gallery, London, UK

1999

1999 - 101 Art Ideas You Can Do Yourself, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, USA

Esposizioni collettive**2024**

2024 - 303 Gallery: 40 Years, 303 Gallery, New York, USA
2024 - West Bund Art & Design, Shanghai, PRC

2023

2023 - Ridiculously Yours! Art, Awkwardness And Enthusiasm, HALLE FÜR KUNST Steiermark, Graz, A
2023 - Ridiculously Yours! Art, Awkwardness And Enthusiasm, Deichtorhallen , Hamburg, D

2022

2022 - Ridiculously Yours! Art, Awkwardness and Enthusiasm, Bundeskunsthalle, Bonn, D
2022 - Art Basel Hong Kong, Hong Kong Convention Center, Hong Kong, PRC
2022 - West Bund Art & Design, Shanghai, PRC

2021

2021 - Winter of discontent, 303 Gallery, New York, USA
2021 - Villa Chiuminatto, Villa Chiuminatto, Torino, I

2019

2019 - People, Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles, USA
2019 - From Day to Day, De La Cruz Collection, Miami, USA

2016

2016 - The Pagad, a cura di Rita Selvaggio, Massimo De Carlo, Milano, I
2016 - Progressive Praxis, de la Cruz Collection, Miami, USA
2016 - Self, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK

2015

2015 - You've Got to Know the Rules...to Break Them, de la Cruz Collection, Miami, USA

2014

2014 - ArtLovers: Histoires d'art dans la collection Pinault, Grimaldi Forum, Monaco, MC
2014 - Three Blind Mice, Museum Dhondt Dhaenens, Deurle, B. Catalogo
2014 - Beneath the Surface, de la Cruz Collection, Miami, USA
2014 - HOME/SCULPTURE, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK
2014 - Painter's Painters: Gifts from Alex Katz, High Museum of Art, Atlanta, USA

2014 - GIRLS, Galerie Perrotin, Paris, F
2014 - Empire State, Galerie Thaddeus Ropac, Paris , F

2013

2013 - The Shadows Took Shape, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, USA
2013 - Looking at Process, de la Cruz Collection, Miami, USA
2013 - Empire State. Arte a New York oggi, a cura di Alex Gartenfeld e Norman Rosenthal, Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Roma,
2013 - An-Americana, Académie de France, Roma, I
2013 - The Cat Show, White Columns, New York, USA

2012

2012 - Funny, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, USA
2012 - Works From the Collection, de la Cruz Collection, Miami, USA
2012 - Arthur Rainbow, Air de Paris, Paris, F
2012 - CARA DOMANI - Opere dalla Collezione Ernesto Esposito, a cura di Caroline Corbetta, MAMbo, Bologna, I
2012 - R4, Special FIAC Project, Paris, F,
2012 - Infinite Jest, Dundee Contemporary Arts, Dundee, UK

2011

2011 - Number Five: Cities of Gold and Mirrors, Julia Stoschek Collection, Dusseldorf, D
2011 - Grisaille, Luxembourg & Dayan, New York, USA

2010

2010 - At Home/Not at Home: Works from the Collection of Martin and Rebecca Eisenberg, Center for Curatorial Studies Bard-Hessel Museum, Annandale-on-Hudson, USA
2010 - It's All American, New Jersey MoCa, New Jersey, USA

2009

2009 - Mapping the Studio: Artists from the Francois Pinault Collection, a cura di Alison Gingeras, Francesco Bonami, Punto della Dogana/Palazzo Grassi, Venezia, I. Catalogo
2009 - The Living and the Dead, Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York, USA
2009 - Sold Out, Tate Modern, London, UK
2009 - Whaddaya Wanna Be, a Flower?!, Alexander and Bonin, New York, USA

2008

2008 - Pretty Ugly, a cura di Alison Gingeras, Gavin Brown's enterprise & Maccarone, New York, USA
2008 - Who's Afraid of Jasper Johns?, a cura di Urs Fischer, Gavin Brown, Tony Shrafazi Gallery, New York, USA
2008 - The Station, Art Basel , Miami, USA
2008 - Malcolm Mc Laren - Musical Paintings, Schiebler Mitte, Berlin, D
2008 - Depreciation and Devastation, Passerby, New York, USA
2008 - Sunshine, Rental Gallery, New York, USA

2007

2007 - She was Born to be my Unicorn, Smith-Stewart, New York, USA

2006

2006 - The Gold Standard, MoMA PS1, New York, USA
2006 - The Inside Game, Portland Art Center, Portland, USA
2006 - Celebrity, Sixtyseven Gallery, New York, USA
2006 - The Name of the Show is not "Gay Art Now", Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, USA
2006 - Survivor, Bortolami Dayan, New York, USA
2006 - Strictelement Confidentiel. A partir de la collection Gensollen., Centre International d'art et du paysage, Ile de Vassiviere, F

2005

2005 - Interstate, a cura di Adam McKewen, Nicole Klagsbrun Gallery, New York, USA
2005 - Seeing Double: Encounters with Warhol, Andy Warhol Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, USA
2005 - 100 Artists See God, a cura di John Baldessari e Meg Cranston, Contemporary Art Center of

Virginia, Virginia Beach, USA

2005 - General Ideas: Rethinking Conceptual Art 1987-2005, CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts, San Francisco, USA

2005 - The Finale Floor Show, Objectif Exhibitions, Antwerp, B

2005 - Trade, White Columns, New York, USA

2005 - Pruitt & Early: Drunk Vs. Stoned, Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York, USA

2004

2004 - No More Reality, Nils Staerk Contemporary Art, Copenhagen, DK

2004 - For All, Vestfossen Kunstlaboratorium, Vestfossen, NL

2004 - Open, Arcadia University Art Gallery, Glenside, USA

2003

2003 - Inaugural Exhibition, Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York, USA

2003 - Summer Group Show, China Art Objects Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

2003 - Following and to Be Followed (coming back), Le Consortium, Dijon, F

2003 - ...Still or Sparkling?, John Connelly Presents, New York, USA

2003 - Bright Lights, Big City, David Zwirner Gallery, New York, USA

2002

2002 - De Gustibus, a cura di Achille Bonito Oliva e Sergio Risaliti, Palazzo delle Papesse Centro Arte Contemporanea, Siena, I. Catalogo

2002 - Something, Anything, a cura di Nayland Blake, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York, USA

2002 - Spot the Diferrence, Galerie Van Gelder, Amsterdam, NL

2002 - Shanghai Biennale, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, PRC

2001

2001 - The Americans New Art, Barbican Gallery, London, UK

2001 - Two Friends and So On, a cura di Jonathan Horowitz e Rob Pruitt, Marc Foxx, Los Angeles, USA

2001 - The Silk Purse Procedure, Arnolfini and Spike island, Bristol, UK

2001 - Salon, Delfina Project Space, London, UK

2001 - Vantage Point, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublino, IRL

2000

2000 - Greater New York, MoMA PS1, New York, USA. Catalogo

2000 - New York Projects, Delfina, London, UK

2000 - Protest and Survive, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London, UK

2000 - Cool-Aid, Greenenaftali Gallery, New York, USA

2000 - Two Friends and So On, a cura di Jonathan Horowitz e Rob Pruitt, Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York, USA

2000 - Sentimental Education, a cura di David Rimaneli, Deitch Projects, New York, USA

2000 - Post-POP, Post-PUNK, Museum of Contemporary Art, Washington DC, USA

1999

1999 - Free Coke, Greenenaftali Gallery, New York, USA

1999 - Village Disco, Cabinet Gallery, London, UK

1999 - Neither/Nor, a cura di Bill Arning, Grand Arts, Kansas City, USA

1999 - Enter Yes, No, Don't Know, Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York, USA

1998

1998 - Home and Away, a cura di Kristy Bell, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, USA

1998 - Superfreaks; Post Pop and The New Generation, Part 1: Trash, Greene Naftali, New York, USA

1998 - Sassy Nuggets, Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York, USA

1998 - Hey, You Never Know, a cura di Kenny Schachter, New York, USA

1997

1997 - Sreentest, a cura di Tom Borghese, Oasis Performance Series, New York, USA

1997 - Thriller, 303 Gallery, New York, USA

1997 - Recent Acquisitions, Art Institute of Chicago, III Deitch Projects, New York, USA

1997 - Inside Out Art Fair, a cura di Kenny Schachter, New York, USA

1997 - Utopian Art Fair, Hotel 17, New York, USA

1996

1996 - Circus of the Stars, Hotel 17, New York, USA

1995

1995 - In a Different Light, a cura di Nayland Blake, Lawrence Rinder, University Art Museum, Berkeley, USA

1995 - Alternative Art Fair, Hotel 17, New York, USA

1995 - Photocollages, Le Consortium, Dijon, F

1995 - It's Only Rock and Roll, a cura di David S. Rubin, Travelling Exhibition, USA

1993

1993 - Teddy & Other Stories, Claudio Bottello Arte & Galleria In Arco, Torino, I

1993 - In Search of Self, Duke University Museum of Art, Durham, USA

1993 - Fortryck, Galleri Enkeshuset, Stockholm, S

1993 - Under 30', Galerie Matropol, Wien, A

1993 - Translations, Center for Contemporary Art, Varsavia, PL

1992

1992 - Tattoo Collection, Air de Paris & Urbi et Orbi at the Jennifer Flay Gallery, Parigi, F; Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Köln; Andrea Rosen Gallery, New York; CRDC, Nantes, F

1992 - Avantgarde und Kampagne, a cura di Jurgen Harten, Kunsthalle, Düsseldorf, D. Catalogo

1992 - How It Is, Tony Shafrazi Gallery, New York, USA

1992 - Objects, Castelli Graphics, New York, USA

1992 - Molteplice Culture, a cura di Liam Gillick, Roma, I

1991

1991 - The Store, Richard Bennett Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

1991 - New Generation: New York, Carnegie Mellon Art Gallery, Pittsburg, USA

1991 - New Work by Gallery Artists, 303 Gallery, New York, USA

1991 - Louder, a cura di Kathryn Hixon, Gallery 400, Chicago, USA

1991 - Selections, FAE Musee D'art Contemporain, Losanna, CH

1991 - No Man's Time, Villa Arson, Nice, F

1990

1990 - Brut '90, White Columns, New York, USA

1990 - Paintball, 303 Gallery, New York, USA

1990 - Total Metal, Simon Watson, New York, USA

1990 - Stuttering, Stux Gallery, New York, USA

1989

1989 - Group Show, American Fine Arts Co., New York, USA

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2021

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2020

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2018

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2017

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2016

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2015

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2013

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2011

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2010

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2009

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2008

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2007

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2006

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2005

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2004

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2003

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Public Collections

France

FRAC Poitou-Charentes, Angoulême

Italy

Pinault Collection, Venezia

Japan

Aishti Collection, Beirut

Taguchi Art Collection, Kanagawa

Switzerland

Syz Collection, Geneva

United States of America

De La Cruz Collection, Miami

Hoggard Wagner Art Collection, New York

Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago

Rubell Family Collection, Miami

The Andy Monument, Union Square, New York

The Brant Foundation, Greenwich