

TOM OF FINLAND ART FAIR 2014



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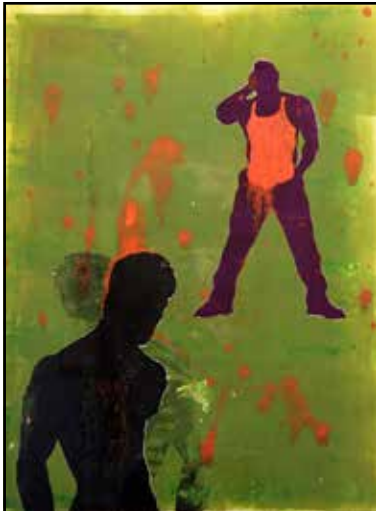


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TOM OF FINLAND ART FAIR OCTOBER 4-5

1421 Laveta Terrace
Los Angeles, California 90026

ON OUR COVER

TOM OF FINLAND (Touko Laaksonen, Finnish,
1920 1991), Untitled (Preparatory drawing).
1981, Graphite on paper,
© 1981 Tom of Finland Foundation

Saturday, October 4, 2014
Noon - 6:00 PM

Reception: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Sunday, October 5, 2014
Noon - 5:00 PM

Drawing Workshops
Both Days

1:00 - 5:00 PM

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The Foundation has produced Art Fairs in Los Angeles since 1995

The Foundation has a roster of 27 art fairs in its history. Presently, we produce the Tom of Finland Art Fair, bringing together artists from around the world.

TOM Recognized by his Homeland

Tom of Finland Foundation is pleased to announce that Itella Posti Oy has released the Tom of Finland stamps on Monday, September 8th. The historical sheet of three stamps has raised immense interest worldwide and has been available for preorder from Posti's online shop since April, with record breaking sales.

A limited quantity of the stamp sheets, as well as a gift pack that includes three post cards, are now available exclusively for sale in the United States through Tom of Finland Foundation with proceeds benefiting the Foundation.

The three 1st class stamps were coordinated by Solja Järvenpää of Arts Promotion Centre Finland; Susanna Luoto and Durk Dehner of Tom of Finland Foundation; and Timo Berry of Finnish design agency BOTH.

Please Note: Shipments from Foundation are only available in the U.S.



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TOM OF FINLAND EMERGING ARTIST COMPETITION 2014

The purpose of this contest is to encourage artists to share their work by rewarding the best examples. The competition is open to any artist with the exception of previous winners of this competition, or artists who are already commercially selling work that portrays sexuality. Five categories, each with three winners, plus a grand prize! See our website for details. Contest closes on November 3, 2014.

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MEMBERSHIP

The Foundation is a nonprofit membership organization, with membership levels ranging from Artist (\$25), to Recruit (\$50) on up to Lifetime (\$2,500). Please consider joining: your contribution will help preserve the cultural legacy of the past, nurture the present, and ensure the future of erotic art.

TOM'S REPRESENTATION

Find Tom of Finland original artwork at:
David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles

SEE US ON YOUTUBE!

[youtube.com/user/TomoffinlandsMen](https://www.youtube.com/user/TomoffinlandsMen)

WEBSITE • ART EVENTS • GALLERIES

The website at www.TomOfFinlandFoundation.org is regularly updated with artist profiles, Foundation events, and art exhibitions worldwide. There are galleries of original artwork and links to artists' websites.

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER SIGN UP

The eNews is a free monthly bulletin sent out to subscribers on events and exhibitions worldwide, links to artists' websites, erotic art news, Foundation announcements, membership and volunteer information.

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“Durk Dehner & the Tom of Finland Foundation” by Michael Bullock

In 1980, Durk Dehner invited the trailblazing homoerotic artist Tom of Finland to live with him in Los Angeles. From then until his death in 1991 Tom split his time between the Echo Park residence and Finland, with Dehner wearing many hats: muse, model, lover, business partner, friend and cofounder of Tom of Finland Foundation, an organization dedicated to maintaining and building TOM’s archive, and as it states on its letterhead, “Protecting, Preserving and Promoting Erotic Art.”



When did you first meet Tom?

I was twenty-six when I first discovered Tom’s work and I know what it did for me. He laid into his drawings, a message, an essence; he gave gay men an identity that they could be proud of. His drawings assured us that we were whole and complete. At the time, gay life was in the shadows, behind closed doors. Tom literally brought it into the light. A lot of the time, he showed his men making out in sunshine, out in the forest because he wanted to communicate that Mother Nature loved us, and that we didn’t have to buy into all of this demeaning crap that society had been dishing out.

Why did the Foundation care so much about helping other artists?

Tom felt that sexuality expressed in the visual arts is natural; it was one of the premises of his life and, when we don’t allow it, we censor what we could do and inhibit ourselves. He was unwilling to compromise what was creatively coming through him... It was an interesting process because, through the Fairs, our community gave value to its own artists and their work.

Well...Tom is not owned by gays, he’s owned by the world. I mean, his proprietary roots are with us, but

we’re absolutely willing to share him for everyone to benefit. In 2006 we had an exhibition in Paris at Galerie Richard of a hundred works. It was cold, December, and this elegant woman, artist Rachel Laurent, walked in wearing a red overcoat.

She just stood in the middle of the gallery and panned the room, looking at the art with this radiant smile. I went up to her and asked her what she was thinking. She said “I am standing at the bastion of freedom. Here lies the works of a man who never compromised what was in his heart. He represents freedom for all of us.” And I think that’s the way it is.

Read the complete article in *Sex Magazine* on TOM’s Blog.

Photo by Call Dewitt

Sealed with a Secret Runs Through March 29, 2015 in Tampere, Finland

The exhibition reveals the man behind Tom of Finland, who rose to world renown. A multifaceted portrait of the artist Touko Laaksonen is conveyed through his extensive correspondence. The letters are on display for the first time!

The exhibition presents a multidimensional person. It is an exhibition about Tom of Finland as a man: as young man, soldier, musician, AD, brother, friend, artist, old man suffering from emphysema – and as a marvelous writer. His exhaustive correspondence covers seven decades from the early 1940s to the year of his passing in 1991.



Photo of Tom by Durk Dehner

SPECIAL THANKS

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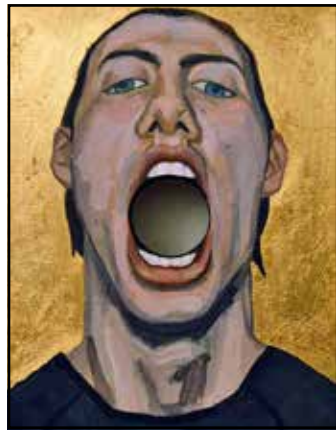


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