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POP ART

Pop art, which developed independently in Great Britain and the United States in the 1950s, and later in Continental Europe as well, was an attempt to close the gap between art and everyday reality. It is no longer entirely clear who coined the term pop art. At the beginning of the 1950s, young artists began to meet at the Institute of Contemporary Art in London, and in 1952 the Independent Group came into being. The Independent Group put on several exhibitions, including one at the Whitechapel Art Gallery in 1956, for which Richard Hamilton created his collage Just What Is It That Makes Today's Homes So Different, So Appealing, a work in which much of the agenda of the pop art movement is summarised. All the clichés of consumerism are depicted here, from the advertisement for sexy underwear to the world of cars, pin-ups and bodybuilding, television, comic strips and illustrated magazines. Many pop artists openly embraced the world of consumerism and its products, which they made into icons of the modern world. The original impetus for pop art in North America came from New York, where different economic and political conditions made its imagery considerably more radical and direct, while Los Angeles and San Francisco became the most important centres for pop art on the west coast of America. Under the influence of Dadaism and Surrealism, artists like Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns began to put the new ideas into practice. One of the movement's principal aims was to establish links between art and everyday life. Of all the numerous well-known pop artists, Andy Warhol came to be regarded as the incarnation of everything pop art stood for. The most important portrayer of everyday objects in American pop art, Claes Oldenburg, took familiar, seemingly trivial items and turned them into monumental modern icons. His mildly ironic commentaries on the American way of life made his huge representations of mass-produced industrial products the best-known emblems of pop art, not only in North America but in Europe as well. Pop art spread somewhat later from Great Britain to Europe, where it was greeted with great enthusiasm. In the different conditions that prevailed in Europe, the influence of pop art led to the establishment of several pop-related artistic movements, including New Realism and the conceptually different Nouveaux Réalistes. The attempt to break down the barriers between real life and art raised the fundamental question of what it is that defines a work of art. The point at which pop art ends and real life begins is by no means clear.



Peter Blake, 1932 Bo Diddley, 1963 Acrylic Scotchtape on hardboard, 122 x 76 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



Jim Dine, 1935 Pleasure Palette, 1969 Paper and oil on canvas, 152 x 102 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



Öyvind Fahlström, 1928-1976 Roulette, Variable Painting, 1966 Mixed media, 152,5 x 166 cm Cologne, Wallraf-Richartz-Museum



Domenico Gnolli, 1933-1970 Profile of a Shoe, 1966 Oil on canvas, 110 x 139,5 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



Bruno Goller, 1901 Various Pictures, 1955 Oil on canvas, 170 x 140 cm Colgone, Museum Ludwig



Richard Hamilton, 1922 Just What Is It that Makes Today's Homes so Different, so Appealing? 1956 Collage, 26 x 25 cm Tübingen, Kunsthalle



David Hockney, 1937 Two boys in a Pool, 1965 Acryl on canvas, 60 x 60 cm Private Collection



David Hockney, 1937 My Parents, 1977 Oil on canvas, 183 x 183 cm London, The Tate Gallery



Robert Indiana, 1928 The American Gas Works, 1962 Acryl on canvas, 152,5 x 122 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



Robert Indiana, 1928 'LOVE', 1968 Silk screen, 86 x 86 cm



Allen Jones, 1937 Perfect Match, 1967 Oil on canvas, 208 x 93 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



Allen Jones, 1937 Figure Falling, 1964 Oil on canvas, 273 x 244 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



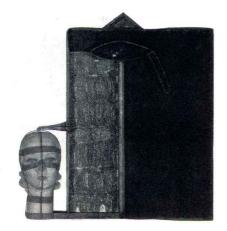
Jasper Jonhs, 1930 Flag on Orange Field, 1957 Encaustic on canvas, 167 x 124 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



Jasper Jonhs, 1930 Device Circle, 1959 Oil on canvas, 101,5 x 101,5 cm Private Collection



Ronald B. Kitaj, 1932 Austro-Hungarian Footsoldier, 1961 Oil and collage on canvas, 152,5 x 91 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



Edward Kienholz, 1927 Night of the Night, 1961 Mixed media, 77 x 74 x 20 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



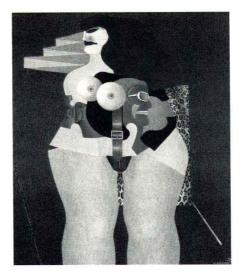
Roy Lichtenstein, 1923 M-Maybe (A Girl's Picture), 1965 Oil on canvas, 152 x 152 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



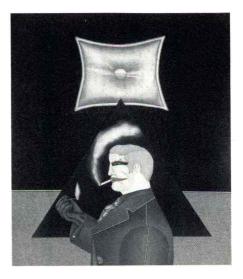
Roy Lichtenstein, 1923 Okay, Hot Shot, 1963 Oil and magna om canvas Private collection



Richard Lindner, 1901-1978 Disneyland, 1965 Oil on canvas, 203 x 127 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



Richard Lindner, 1901-1978 Leopard Lilly, 1966 Oil on canvas, 177,8 x 152,4 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



Richard Lindner, 1901-1978 Pillow, 1966 Oil on canvas, 177,8 x 152,4 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



Marisol (Escobar), 1930 Women and Dog, 1964 Wood, and miscellaneous items, 183 x 208 x 41 cm New York, Whitney Museum of American Art



Claes Thure Oldenburg, 1929 Green Legs with Shoes, 1961 Plaster, wires, textiles, metal and enamel paint, 149 x 100 x 20 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



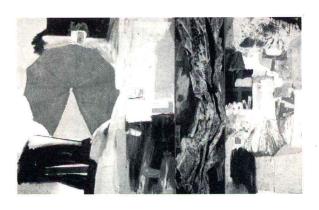
Peter Phillips, 1939 Custom Print No. 1, 1965 Silk screen, 76,2 x 61 cm Private Collection



Mel Ramos, 1935 Hippopotamus, 1967 Oil on canvas, 180 x 247 cm Aix-la-Chapelle, Neue Galerie



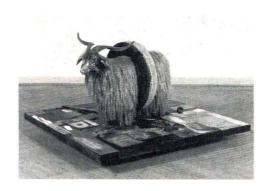
Mel Ramos, 1935 Tobacco Rose, 1965 Silk screen in nine colours, 71 x 56 cm on cardboard, 71 x 56 cm



Robert Rauschenberg, 1925 Allegory, 1959 Combine painting: oil on canvas, metal and umbrella - 3 parts, 183 x 305 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



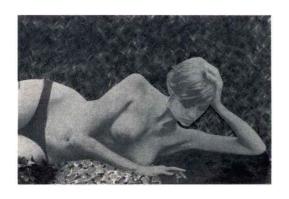
Robert Rauschenberg, 1925 Retroactive I, 1964 Silk screen Hartford (Conn.), Wadsworth Atheneum



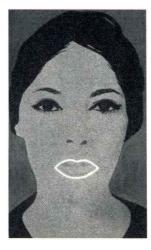
Robert Rauschenberg, 1925 Monogram, 1955/59 Mixed media, 106,7 x 162,6 x 163,8 cm Stockholm, Moderna Museet



Robert Rauschenberg, 1925 The Tree-frog, 1964 Silk screen and oil on canvas, 244 x 183 cm Cologne, Wallraf-Richartz-Museum



Martial, Raysse, 1936 Simple and Quiet Painting, 1965 Mixed media, 130 x 195 cm Cologne, Wallraf-Richartz-Museum



Martial, Raysse, 1936 Élaine Sturtevant, 1968/69 Acryl on canvas and neon-light, 160 x 96 cm Private Collection



Martial, Raysse, 1936 Remember Tahiti in September '62, 1963 Acryl, screen print and objects on canvas Humlebaek (Denmark) Louisiana Museum of Modern Art



James Rosenquist, 1933 Down Draft, 1968 Mixed media, 168 cm high Private Collection



James Rosenquist, 1933 Untitled (Joan Crawford says...), 1964 Oil on canvas, 242 x 196 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



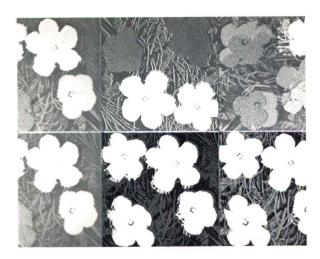
Andy Warhol, 1928-1987 Jackie Kennedy II, 1965 Silk screen on canvas, 72 x 61 cm Cologne, Wallraf-Richartz-Museum



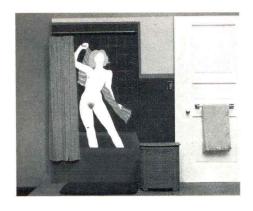
Andy Warhol, 1928-1987 Close Cover Before Striking (Pepsi-Cola), 1962 Acryl on canvas with sandpaper, 183 x 137 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig



Andy Warhol, 1928-1987 Ingrid Bergman (With Hat), 1983 (Detail), Silk screen, 96,4 x 96,4 cm Malmö, Galerie Börjeson



Andy Warhol, 1928-1987 Flowers, 1964 Private Collection

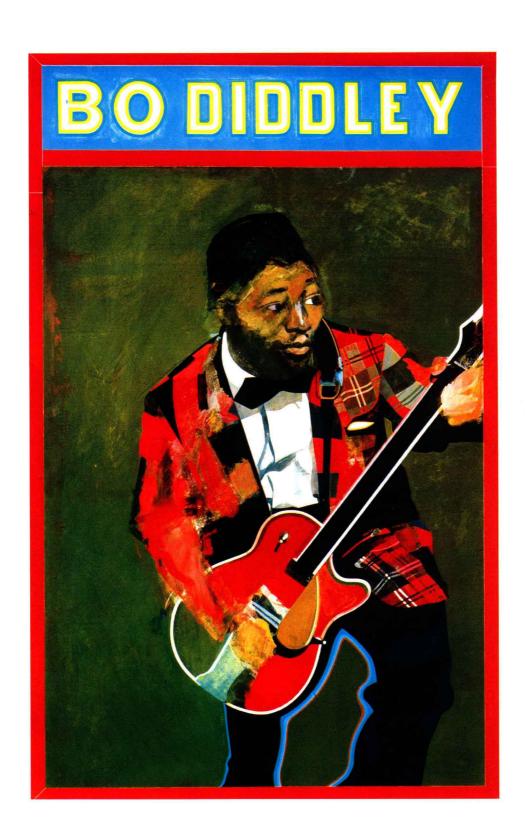


Tom Wesselmann, 1931 Bathclub Collage No. 3, 1963 Oil on canvas, plastic and objects, 213 x 270 x 45 cm Cologne, Museum Ludwig

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