

TODAY'S ARTIST: MARK RYDEN



MARK RYDEN WAS BORN IN OREGON IN 1963, BUT RAISED IN CALIFORNIA. HE CURRENTLY LIVES IN CALIFORNIA.

HE HAS BEEN CALLED “THE GOD-FATHER OF POP SURREALISM”. POP SURREALISM IS A MOVEMENT THAT COMBINES ELEMENTS FROM POPULAR CULTURE IN DREAM LIKE WAYS.

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RYDEN IS INSPIRED BY MANY SOURCES: FROM INGRES, DAVID AND OTHER FRENCH CLASSICISTS TO *Little Golden Books*.

RYDEN ALSO DRAWS HIS INSPIRATION FROM ANYTHING THAT WILL EVOKE MYSTERY; OLD TOYS, ANATOMICAL MODELS, STUFFED ANIMALS, SKELETONS AND RELIGIOUS OBJECTS FOUND IN FLEA MARKETS.

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