



ROB CLAYTON

BORN: 1963 Dayton, OH

EDUCATION:

1989 B.F.A. With Honors, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA

1983 A.A. Colorado Institute of Art, Denver, CO

RESIDES: Pasadena, CA

CHRISTIAN CLAYTON

BORN: 1967 Denver, CO

EDUCATION: 1991 B.F.A. With Honors, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA

RESIDES: South Pasadena, CA

For brothers Rob and Christian Clayton, collaboration is more than a process: the concept of symbiosis resonates through every aspect of their paintings and installations. In a practice devoid of ego and restraint, the Clayton brothers develop intense compacted narratives on an intuitive basis. Rob and Christian Clayton seldom work on the same canvas at the same time, or discuss any of their projects during making. Playing off their unspoken synergy, they take turns inventing, adding to, and editing each piece, propelling their 'stories' through spontaneous improvisation. Entwining their independent approaches, styles, and palettes, their works operate as co-authored epics, fusing the concept of self with the communal.

Working from their Californian high street studio, the Clayton brothers draw inspiration from their immediate environment, incorporating local businesses, neighborhood regulars, and snippets of overheard conversations as subjects for their paintings. Composing their pieces conjunctively, motifs, gestures, places, and figures reoccur within different works, creating inter-linked dramatic scripts. Set on collaged canvases, the physical layering of their surfaces reflects their condensed tableaux. Approaching painting as a visual representation of pure energy, everyday scenes explode in vortexes of blinding colour, animated movement, and product placement, giving the effect of viewing every frame of a film simultaneously. Through presenting a locality, the Clayton brothers relate the personal to the global. Offering a vision of America-as-it-is, they celebrate and share all its diverse, spectacular, and solitary splendor.

Both Rob and Christian serve as faculty at Art Center College of Design in Pasadena.

**SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2011 *Clayton Brothers: Inside Out*  
Pasadena Museum of California Art, Pasadena, CA
- 2010 *Clayton Brothers: Inside Out*  
Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI
- 2009 *Jumbo Fruit*  
Patrick Painter Inc., Santa Monica, CA
- 2008 *AS IS*  
Apama Mackey Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2007 *Patient*  
F2 Gallery, Beijing, China
- 2006 *Wishy Washy*  
Bellwether, New York, NY
- 2004 *Art Statements*  
Mackey Gallery, Art Basel Miami, Miami, FL
- 2004 *I Come From Here*  
Mackey Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2003 *Six Foot Eleven*  
La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2001 *Green Pastures*  
La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2011 *Summer Salt*  
The Proposition, New York, NY
- The Emergence of the Pop Imagist*  
Bonelli Arte Contemporanea. Curated by Jonathan Levine, Venice, Italy
- 2010 *Come As You Are*  
PRISM, Los Angeles, CA
- Art Shack*  
Laguna Museum of Art, Laguna, CA
- Art Basel 41*  
Patrick Painter, Basel, Switzerland
- Album*  
V1 Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark

2010 *Incognito*

Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, CA

*COLLECTION 3*

Foundation pour l'art contemporain, Château d'Arenthon, Alex, France

*Never a Dull Moment*

White Walls, San Francisco, CA

*To The Road Less Travelled - Wishing You Love and Happiness and  
Curiosity Forever,*

V1 Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Heaven*

The Art of Elysium, Los Angeles, CA

2009 *Stages 09 Miami*

O.H.W.O.W., LiveSTRONG Foundation, Miami, FL

*True Self*

Jonathan LeVine, New York, NY

*Draw*

Shooting Gallery, San Francisco, CA

*Art Basel 40*

Patrick Painter, Basel, Switzerland

*NEW IMAGE ART: 15 Year Anniversary*

New Image Art, Los Angeles, CA

*The Piece Process*

Anonymous, New York, NY

*Pieces of Heaven*

The Art of Elysium, Los Angeles, CA

2008 *Panorama Project 3*

Jonathan LeVine, New York, NY

*Objects D'Art Ostrich Egg Benefit Auction*

Pasadena Museum of California Art, Pasadena, CA

*BLAB!: A Retrospective*

Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, Manhattan, KS

*In the Land of Retinal Delights: The Juxtapoz Factor*

Laguna Art Museum, Laguna, CA

*More is More*

Byblos, Verona, Italy

*Opening Exhibition, Part 1*

Sloan Fine Art, New York, NY

*Heaven, Celebrating Ten Years of The Art of Elysium*

Christie's Gallery, Beverly Hills, CA

2007 *Family Garden*

EPS, Venice Beach, CA

*Paper Trails, New Adventures in Drawing*  
V1 Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Exit Art, 25th. Anniversary Benefit Auction*  
New York, NY

*Maximalist Tendencies in Recent American Painting*  
FSU Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL

*The Armory Show*  
Bellwether, New York, NY

2006 *3rd Annual Benefit Auction*

Drawing Center New York, NY

*Two by Two, for AIDS and Art, amFAR*  
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX

*The Armory Show*  
Bellwether, New York, NY

*At Home*  
Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI

2005 *Visual Language*

Mackey, Houston, TX

*Mystery Meat*  
Future Prospects, Quezon City, Republic of the Philippines

*Au Pays des Merveilles*  
Galerie Magda Danysz, Paris, France

*Drawn to Expression*  
Alyce de Roulet Williamson, ACCD, Pasadena, CA

*The Postcard Project*  
Improved Foster Art, London, United Kingdom

*Move 13*  
Clementine, New York, NY

*The New Image Art Show*  
RVCA, Costa Mesa, CA

*WPA/C 2005 Art Auction and Gala,*  
Corcoran Museum of Art, Washington, DC

*Stranger Town*  
Dinter Fine Art, New York, NY

2004 *Tall Stories*

Wignall Museum, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

- 2003 *Raising the Brow*  
Earl McGrath, Los Angeles, CA
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Earl McGrath, New York, NY
- The Drawing Show*  
Sixspace, Los Angeles, CA
- Assembly*  
Front Room, Brooklyn, NY
- WM3 Benefit Exhibition*  
Sixspace, Los Angeles, CA
- The Burbs*  
DFN Gallery, New York, NY
- 2002 *Decipher*  
Eighth Floor, New York, NY
- Project Dime Bag*  
New Image Art, Los Angeles, CA
- The Panorama Project*  
69a, San Francisco, CA
- Superhero*  
New Image Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2001 *Exquisite Day Project*  
Plus Ultra, Brooklyn, NY
- School Girls*  
Fish Tank, Brooklyn, NY
- 2000 *Collaborations*  
New Image Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2000 *The Last Show*  
Mendenhal, Pasadena, CA
- 1999 *Move 2*  
New Image Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 1998 *Tribute to La Luz de Jesus Gallery*  
Track 16, Santa Monica, CA

**SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- 2011 *Bleak Beauties*  
*Los Angeles Magazine*, April Issue, Los Angeles, CA.

2011 Clayton Brothers

Interview by Lainya Magana, Hi-Fructose, May Issue, Richmond, CA.

*Two of a Kind*

Arroyo Magazine, May Issue, Pasadena, CA

*Oh Brother Where Art Thou?*

Inked, Culture. Style. Art. April Issue, Los Angeles, CA

*Les Liaisons Creatives, Artists Couples, Clayton Brothers*

Aspekt Ratio Newspaper, Issue 1, Berlin, Germany

*Sig Alert: More Street Ahead*

By Craig Stephens, Artweek.LA, blog, Los Angeles, CA

*Brothers' Helping Hands*

By Hugh Hart, Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles, CA

*Clayton Brothers on Inspiration, Pigeonholing, and Pigeon Coop Poop*

By Michael Dooley, Imprint Blog, Print Magazine, New York, NY

2010 Playing House

By Katie Vaughn, Madison Magazine and blog, Madison, WI

*Territory 12*

By Bigbros Workshop, Crests of a Creative Magazine, Malaysia

*Living with Art, A Conversation with Marc & Sara Schiller*

By Jiae and John Lee, Theme Magazine, Brooklyn, NY

*Clayton Brothers: Inside Out, MMoCA offers a strange...*

By Jennifer A. Smith, ISTHMUS, The Daily Page, Madison, WI

*The Art Season Beyond Milwaukee*

By Louise Schumacher, Journal Sentinel and blog,  
Milwaukee, WI

2009 L.A. Artists Rob & Christian Clayton Use Bold Splashes of Color...

By Lindsay Christians, Star Madison newspaper and blog, Mad. WI

*Your Designated Drivers,*

By Michael Criley, JOIA Magazine, Santiago, Chile

*What's Going On In Here?*

By Michael Criley, Juxtapoz Magazine, San Francisco, CA

*The Clayton Brothers*

By Jack Lowe, HUH Magazine and blog, London, England

*Clayton Brothers - Jumbo Fruit - Interview One & Two*

Video, Patrick Painter Inc., Santa Monica, CA

*The Art world Comes to the Clayton Brothers*

By Mat Gleason, Coagula Art Journal, Los Angeles, CA

*Scribble 08 Fine Art Films*

Directed by Mark Murphy, Video, Produced by Ninth Link,  
San Diego, CA

2009 *Juicyfruitsome Claytonfest*

By, Nathan Spoor, Juxtapoz Magazine and blog, San Francisco, CA

*Art Review: Rob and Christian Clayton at Patrick Painter*

By Leah Ollman, Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles, CA

2007 *Saatchi's New Stars: Collector Prepares for a New Gallery Opening*

By Arifa Akbar, The Independent, UK

*Discovering an All-Star*

By Christy Hobart, House & Garden Magazine, Los Angeles, CA

2006 *The Edge of Realism*

American Art Collector Magazine, Scottsdale, AZ

*The Clayton Brothers,*

By Brian Gibb, Art Prostitute magazine, Denton, TX

*Clayton Brothers, Wishy Washy*

By Ken Johnson, The New York Times, New York, NY

*The Clayton Brothers at Bellwether*

By Leigh Anne Miller, Art in America Magazine, New York, NY

*The Treasures of Long Gone John*

Video, Documentary, Director Greg Gibbs, Get With It Productions, Los Angeles, CA

*True Stories*

Rebecca Cascade, Elle Magazine, New York, NY

2005 *Silenci?, Season 4, Episode 37*

By Sara Loscos, Televisio de Catalunya TV3, Barcelona, Cataluna, Spain

*The Art Issue*

Papercity Magazine, Houston, TX

*The Clayton Brothers*

By Catherine D. Anson, ArtNews Magazine, New York, NY

*Invading Genres Breach the Porous Borders of the Art World*

By Roberta Smith, The New York Times, NY, NY

2004 *Art Basel Miami Beach, Art Statements Roundtable*

WP.S.1, Radio Interview by Brett Littman. Miami, FL

*Double Vision, The Clayton Brothers*

By Tim Moloney, Houston Magazine, Houston, TX

*The Clayton Brothers*

LOWDOWN Magazine, Köpenicker, Berlin

*First Person, The Clayton Brothers*

Res Magazine, Los Angeles, CA

1999 *My Brothers Keeper, The Art of Rob & Christian Clayton*

By Shana Nys Dambrot, Juxtapoz Magazine. San Francisco, CA

**SELECTED BOOKS, CATALOGUES, PERIODICALS**

- 2010 *Clayton Brothers: Inside Out*  
Exhibition catalogue, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI
- Collection 3*  
Exhibition catalogue, Fondation Pour L'Art Contemporain, Alex, France
- 2009 *APOCALYPSE WOW!*  
Exhibition catalogue, MACRO - Museo d'Arte Contemporanea Roma, Italy
- Stages*  
Exhibition catalogue, O.H.W.O.W. Gallery, LiveSTRONG Foundation,  
Miami, FL
- Silenci*  
Published by Actar TV3, Barcelona, Spain
- 2009 *ROJO OCHO*  
Published by Numero Atomico, Barcelona, Spain
- 2008 *In the Land of Retinal Delights*  
Exhibition catalogue, The Juxtapoz Factor, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna, CA
- The Upset, Young Contemporary Art*  
Published by Gestalten, Berlin, Germany
- Caught Being Good*  
Published by ROJO, Artists Monograph, Barcelona, Spain
- LASANTA CULTURA VISUAL EMPORIO #3*  
Published by La Santa B Ediciones, Book, Barcelona, Spain
- BLAB!: A Retrospective*  
Exhibition catalogue, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, KS St.  
University, Manhattan, KS
- 2007 *Patient*  
Exhibition catalogue, F2 Gallery, Beijing, China
- Maximalist Tendencies in Recent American Painting*  
Exhibition catalogue, FSU, Museum of fine arts, Tallahassee, FL
- 2006 *Two by Two, For Aids and Art*  
Auction catalogue, amFAR, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
- 2005 *POP SURREALISTA PESADILLA DESPUES DE NAVIDAD MONO*  
Published by Clab Issue 12, Barcelona, Spain
- 2004 *POP SURREALISM: The Rise of Underground Art*  
Published by Ignition Publishing, Seattle, WA
- 2003 *The Mates Issue*  
Francis Ford Coppola's *Zoetrope All Story*, magazine, guest designers,  
Clayton Brothers, San Francisco, CA

2003 *The Most Special Day of My Life*  
Artists Monograph, Published by La Luz de Jesus Press, Los Angeles, CA.  
and Last Gasp, San Francisco, CA

### **SELECTED LECTURES**

2011 *Clayton Brothers, Walk Through*  
Pasadena Museum of California Art, Pasadena, CA

*Clayton Brothers, Visiting Artist Lecture Series*  
University of Colorado at Boulder, CO

2010 *Visiting Artist, Critic Program*  
University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

2009 *Narrative in Contemporary Painting, Visiting Artists*  
CSU Summer Arts, Storytime, Fresno, CA

*Visiting Artists*  
Art and Design Center California State University, Northridge, CA

2007 *Visiting Artists*  
California State University, Long Beach, CA

2006 *Visiting Artists*  
Minneapolis School of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN

*Visiting Artists*  
artLA, Los Angeles, CA

2005 *Visiting Artists*  
Boise State University  
Critic, Boise, ID

*Visiting Artists*  
Corcoran Museum of Art, Washington, DC

*Visiting Artists*  
Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA

*Visiting Artists*  
Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

*Visiting Artists, Critic*  
University of Houston, Houston, TX

*Visiting Artists*  
Otis Parsons, Los Angeles, CA

*Visiting Artists*  
Parsons The New School for Design, New York, NY

2003 *Visiting Artists, Critic*  
Texas State University, Austin, TX

- 2003 *Artists Lecture*  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2002 *Visiting Artists, Critic*  
California State University, Long Beach, CA
- 2002 *Grafil, Visiting Artists*  
Oslo, Bergen, Stavenger, Kristiansand, Norway
- 2001 *Visiting Artists, Critic*  
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- Visiting Artists, Critic*  
Oakville, Sheridan College, Ontario, Canada
- 2002 *Artists Lecture*  
Santa Barbara Museum, Santa Barbara, CA
- 1996 *Artists Lecture*  
Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA

**TEACHING, 1993 TO PRESENT:**

Art Center College of Design, Otis College of Art & Design

*Media Experimentation*  
Clayton Brothers, ACCD

*Supersized*  
Clayton Brothers, ACCD

*Love for the Drawing Line*  
Christian Clayton, ACCD

*Senior Painting Projects*  
Rob Clayton, ACCD

*Drawing Concepts 1*  
Rob Clayton, ACCD

*Drawing Concepts 2*  
Rob Clayton, ACCD

*Image and Idea*  
Christian Clayton, ACCD

*Space Monkey*  
Christian Clayton, ACCD

*Portfolio Design Lab*  
Rob Clayton, ACCD

*Experimental Illustration Workshop*  
Clayton Brothers, ACCD

*Independent Studies*

Rob Clayton, Christian Clayton, ACCD

*Drawing Concepts 1*

Christian Clayton, ACCD

*Archetype Press, TDS: Text, Image & Written Word*

Christian Clayton, ACCD

*Comm Studio IV*

Christian Clayton, OTIS