

Belin

Miguel Ángel Belinchón

Spain 1979

Urban Art, Street Art, Graffiti



Biography

Belin, born in Linares, Spain, creates large-scale portraits of distinct characters that feel realistic and caricature-like at the same time. Their large heads and the dynamic, colourful designs behind them lend the works an eye-catching surrealism. It's the type of work that makes you look twice and marvel at the power of a few spray paint cans.

Belin did not receive formal training. He drew from a young age but not until 1995 did he pick up a spray paint can. His talent got him noticed by Von D and others and last year he travelled to Miami for Art Basel. Belin's hometown and L.A. find common ground in the ever-present threat of buffing.

Spain's Belin is well-known for his rosy-cheeked graffiti characters, which have a strong fine art quality to them. Belin is equally adept at painting huge murals, canvases and making sculptures, all of which carry his distinctive style.

While visitors will see familiar faces in his work, like those of President Obama and Hugo Chavez, Belin leaves it up to the viewer to decide who they see as true superheroes. He sees the less famous figures in his works as superheroes, whether they realize it or not. "They're normal, common people that work on the street in whatever normal job — whether in a bakery, as a taxi driver or a painter — that have trouble because of the economic crisis," says Belin. "We're all superheroes and we don't know it until a difficult moment comes and we find our strength."

Belin has already kept a wide curriculum, his pieces have been exposed all around Spain and countries like Germany, Italy, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Brasil, Israel, Mexico, USA. Even he painted for brands like Dockers or Carhartt and tattoo artists like Kat von D from L.A. INK, and for known artist like "Kat von D "high voltage"" on LA, Spanish football player, musician and models.

- 2016 Individual exhibition With the collection "AMORFOBIA" in the gallery Bejarano Cristobal de Linares (Jaén), Spain.
- 2016 Mural in Malaga next to Flaxtl, for the Pimpi Solidarity Day 1; The Revolution of Love.
- 2016 Solo exhibition at the "Hospital de Santiago" Ubeda (Jaen).
- 2016 Mural in "Mallorca Live Festival"
- 2015 Art Madrid 2015, with the gallery Fernando Latorre Madrid (Spain).
- 2015 Group exhibition at the University of Fine Arts on in Granada (Spain).
- 2015 Speech by Artist Belin for PROVINCIAL DE JAÉN YOUTH FORUM 2015 "YOUTH AND EQUALITY 3.0", Jaén (Spain).
- 2015 Exhibition at the Art Center "Vincentre", "STEP IN THE ARENA" is an exhibition of seven works painted live. Nuenen (Netherlands).
- 2015 Performing an approximate 20 meter mural for "Artists4israel" in the city of Netanya (Israel).
- 2015 Sephora signature murals in New York and Los Angeles (USA).
- 2015 Mural for the study of tattoo "High Voltage" Kat Von D. Los Angeles (California)
- 2015 Graffiti exhibition in Salamanca (Mexico).
- 2015 Exhibition of works "Super Heroes in Crisis" at the Arts Center of Guanajuato (Mexico).
- 2014 Gallery 44309, Dortmund, Germany
- 2014 Gallery Fernando Latorre, Madrid, Spain
- 2014 The Healthcare Gallery, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA
- 2013 Madrid, Spain
- 2013 Wonderland Gallery, Los Angeles California, USA
- 2013 Exhibition "Agora", Gallery of Fernando Latorre, Madrid, Spain

- 2013 Single Expocisioón, 44309 street, Art gallery, Dormunt, Germany
- 2012 Mural Project for The Municipal Institute of Youth, Leon-Guanajuato, Mexico
- 2012 Mural Project in Carranza Cultural Center, Mexico
- 2012 Collective Show, Caja Granada, Granada, Spain
- 2012 STROKE Urban Art Fair, BERLIN, Germany
- 2012 Super Heroes in Crisis, Indoor ARCA, Mexico, DF
- 2012 Art Basel Miami, Miami, Florida, United States
- 2011 First prize in Graffiti, HIP HOP VICAR, Almería
- 2011 Pleasure, La Casa Pintada, Linares, Spain
- 2011 Group Exhibition in municipal building department Villa Maria, La Casa Pintada, Linares, Spain
- 2011 Against the artistic abuse, Linares, Spain
- 2011 Belin, Cultural Week, Cástulo Secondary School, Linares, Spain
- 2011 “Step in the Arena”, Eindhoven, Netherlands
- 2011 Belin, Jheronimus Bosch Art Center, Hertogenbosch, Netherlands
- 2011 Urban Tales Festival, Foggia, Italy
- 2011 Graffiti Exhibition, Mexico, DF
- 2011 Exhibition of paintings and sculpture, School of Professional Design, Madrid, Spain
- 2010 Belin young art “Boy King”, Civic Center, Granada, Spain
- 2010 Belin Solo Show, Pupa Tattoo Art Gallery, Granada, Spain
- 2010 Conference on ESDI, Sabadell, Spain
- 2010 “Air”, Graffiti House, Linares, Spain

- 2010 Demo Castellon Art Fair, Spain
- 2010 The Painted House, University of Jaén, Spain
- 2010 Graffiti-Exhibition on Urban Culture, Santiago de Compostela, Spain
- 2010 Collective international exhibition, Cartagena, Spain
- 2010 Urban art festival Xtatic, Split, Croatia
- 2010 “Fire”, Graffiti House, Linares, Spain
- 2010 Festival Zaragoza City, Zaragoza, Spain
- 2010 Graffiti Fine Art Sculpture, Museum of Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 2010 JILfestival event (Guest), Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico
- 2010 “Myths”, La Casa Pintada, Linares, Spain
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