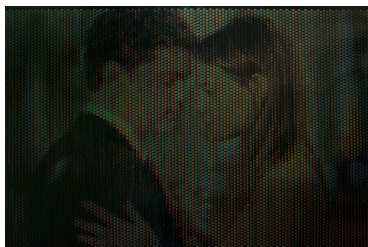




## NICHOLAS AOKI

b. 1980 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Lives and work in Toronto.



Nicholas Aoki is an artist and illustrator currently working and living in Toronto. He graduated from Sheridan College in illustration in 2004. Aoki's work unveils the interconnectivity between the longstanding tradition of painting and new medias and technology. He is one of four founding members of the artist collective Team Macho, with whom he has exhibited in Canada and internationally in venues that include Optica Gallery, Montreal, Sidlee Collective, Amsterdam, Giant Robot, San Francisco, New York, L.A., and most recently at the AGO with Axis Mundi. Nicholas Aoki has previously exhibited as a solo-artist at NARWHAL with *Goodnight: Sweet, Hearts* (2009).

## EDUCATION

2004      Diploma in Illustration, Sheridan College

## EXHIBITIONS

\* denotes solo exhibitions

\*\* denotes solo exhibitions as part of Team Macho

2015      *New Work, New Jerseys*, Gitler & \_\_\_\_\_, New York, NY\*\*

2014      *Beware of the Beast*, NARWHAL, Toronto, ON

2013      *The Painting Project*, Galerie de l'Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, QC  
*8 Days No Contact*, NARWHAL, Toronto, ON

2012      *AXIS MUNDI*, Installation, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON\*\*  
*The Tutu Project*, National Ballet of Canada, Toronto\*  
*60 Painters*, Humber Arts and Media Studios, Toronto

2011      *3 Out of 5 Ain't Bad*, OPTICA, Montréal, QC\*\*  
*Game Over 4*, Giant Robot, Los Angeles, CA

2010      *Game Over 3*, Giant Robot, San Francisco, CA  
*Post-it Note Show 5*, Giant Robot, New York, NY  
*Post-it Note Show 6*, Giant Robot, Los Angeles, CA  
*The Pencil Show*, Foxy Productions, New York, NY  
*Hibernation Sickness*, NARWHAL, Toronto, ON\*\*

2009      *Goodnight: Sweet, Hearts*, NARWHAL, Toronto, ON\*  
*Post-it Note Show 4*, Giant Robot, Los Angeles, CA  
*Game Over/Continue*, Giant Robot, San Francisco, CA  
*Long Time Listener, First Time Caller*, Giant Robot, New York, NY\*\*  
*Foreign Legionnaires*, Edward Day Gallery, Toronto, ON  
*Worn Fashion Journal – Fashion Cares auction*, Bata Shoe Museum, Toronto, ON

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- 2008 *Kitschy, Gay, And Over In A Second*, Magic Pony, Toronto, ON\*\*  
*Tell Me Lies, Tell Me Sweet, Pretty Lies*, Sid Lee Collective, Amsterdam, NL\*\*  
*Spread The Lead*, Gallery Hanahou, New York, NY
- 2007 *Fancy Action Now*, Magic Pony, Toronto, ON\*\*  
Luminato, Outdoor Mural, Distillery District, Toronto, ON  
*Knock Your Socks Off*, Headquarters Galerie & Boutique, Montréal, QC  
*Summer Sanctuary*, Gallery Hanahou, New York, NY
- 2006 *Team Macho is a Tough Man*, Magic Pony, Toronto, ON\*\*  
*Getting to Know You*, Headquarters Galerie & Boutique, Montréal, QC\*  
*Cats are the New Bunnies*, Magic Pony, Toronto, ON
- 2005 *Friends For Life*, Magic Pony, Toronto, ON  
*Team Macho Draws Similar Conclusions*, Installation, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto, ON  
*Partridge And Pear Trees*, Magic Pony, Toronto, ON

## ART FAIRS & AUCTIONS

- 2015 *Material Art Fair* with NARWHAL, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2013 *Papier 13 Contemporary art Fair* with NARWHAL, Montréal, QC  
*C Magazine Auction 2013*, Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Toronto, ON
- 2009 *Aqua Wynwood Art Fair* with NARWHAL, Miami, FL
- 2006 *Toronto Alternative Art Fair*, Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, ON
- 2005 *Toronto Alternative Art Fair*, Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, ON

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2012 *The Merlin Years: The Art of Team Macho II*. Toronto, ON: NARWHAL.
- 2010 Weckworth, Kristin, ed. *The Dazzle: A Cabinet of Wonders*. Toronto, ON: NARWHAL.
- 2009 Thaler, Peter and Lars Denicke, eds. *Pen to Paper*. Berlin: Pictoplasma Publishing.
- 2008 Mattus, Matt, ed. *Beyond Trend*. Cincinnati: HOW Design Books.  
*Team Macho. Precious Gems*. Toronto, ON: Koyama Press.
- 2007 *Fancy Action Now: The Art of Team Macho*. Toronto, ON: Magic Pony.

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*Updown Magazine*, February. Print.
- 2010 *Late Night in the Bedroom, episode 7: January 27*. Online.  
*Little Burgundy Magazine*. Online.  
*Lodown Magazine #7*, Berlin, Germany. Print.  
*Off The Map #5*, September. Online.  
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Whyte, Murray. "Team Macho Spawns Solo Show", *Toronto Star*, May. Print.
- 2009 *Format Magazine*, May 24. Print.  
*The Gutenberg's Quarterly Concern #1*, June. Print.  
Titanic, Sara. "Artist Profile: Nicholas Aoki", *NOW Magazine*, September 19. Print.
- 2008 Bilton, Chris. "Team Macho: The Men of Fancy Action", *Slash Magazine*, Winter. Print.  
"Instant Magic", *ROJO Magazine*. Print.  
Knutzen, Bertie. "Team Macho Artist Profile", *Charm Offensive*, July. Online.  
Turner, Leah. "Helter Shelter: Team Macho", *Color*, No. 6, Issue 3. Print.
- 2007 Burman, Monika. "Recipe for Macho", *MASS Art Guide*, May issue. Print.
- 2006 Whyte, Murray. "Artful Bond of Men", *Toronto Star*, April 27. Print.
- 2005 "Sex City", *CIUT 89.5 FM radio interview*, May 2.  
Sung, Hannah. Interview: "The New Music", *MuchMusic television interview*: August 5.  
Terauds, John. "Illustrator gänge fees on whimsy", *Toronto Star*, June 23. Print.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & PRESENTATIONS

Painting & Drawing Faculty, OCADU, 2009 - present

Guest lecturer as part of Team Macho, Assembly Required, Xpace, Toronto, ON

Guest lecturer as part of Team Macho, Talk 20 Toronto, Drake Hotel, Toronto, ON

Guest lecturer as part of Team Macho, site specific installation, Sid Lee Collective, Montréal, QC

Guest lecturer as part of Team Macho, Rocket Science Launch, Xpace, Toronto, ON

Guest lecturer as part of Team Macho, Guerilla Entrepreneurship, OCADU, Toronto, ON