

Who is Shepard Fairey?

Frank "Shepard Fairey" is a well-known graphic designer, muralist, and general artist. He was born on February 15, 1970, in Charleston, South Carolina, USA. In 1988, he graduated from Idyllwild Arts Academy in Palm Springs, California. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1992. As a young adult, Shepard Fairey was interested in painting. Soon he started to use his artwork and paintings in t-shirts and skateboards. He was a fan of skateboard fashion. Shepard Fairey had a part-time job in a skateboard store whilst in kindergarten. He reached the skateboarding world shortly after, pasting homemade stickers anywhere you may find them. It was then that he discovered his desire in street art culture and graffiti. Another important influence was his passion for punk rock, as he revealed in his stencils.

Shepard Fairey was one of the most influential street artists of our day. Shepard Fairey's art has been used for screen printing, stencils, stamps, masking film drawings, wheat paste, collages, sculptures, posters, paintings and murals. Fairey loves interacting in black, white and red shades. His most popular art features depictions of Andre the Big, the Obey trademark, as well as Barack Obama's propaganda poster. In 2008, Shepard Fairey used the Obama illustration to draw a cover for Time Magazine Person of the Year. In 2011. His most recent cover illustration for Rolling Stone was in April 2020 with a portrait of Greta Thunberg, a Swedish climate change activist.

Shepard Fairey's work joins components of spray painting, pop craftsmanship, business art, and Marxist theory. His work has been found in exhibitions around the world and even historical centers such as museums. Some of his designs can be found in apparel and graphic tees. One of his most well known works incorporates his representation of Barack Obama. This

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picture caused the public to notice Fairey and his work immediately which in turn detonated his public recognition further.

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