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Born 1980 in Toronto, Canada
Live and work in Toronto, Canada.

EDUCATION

Diploma in Illustration, Sheridan College, 2004

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2009

Goodnight; sweet, hearts. Narwhal Art Projects, Toronto, Canada
Long Time Listener, First Time Caller, Giant Robot, New York City, USA

2008

Tell Me Lies, Tell Me Sweet, Pretty Lies, Sid Lee Collective, Amsterdam, NL
Kitschy, Gay and Over in A Second, Magic Pony, Toronto, Canada

2007

Fancy Action Now, Magic Pony, Toronto, Canada

2006

Team Macho is A Tough Man, Magic Pony, Toronto, Canada

2005

Friends For Life, Magic Pony, Toronto, Canada

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2009

Foreign Legionnaires: Art Collectives at Work, Edward Day Gallery, Toronto, Canada
Halo Halo Exhibition, UrbanSpace Gallery, Toronto, Canada

2008

Spread the Lead, Gallery Hanahou, New York, USA

2007

Illuminato, Outdoor Mural, Distillery District, Toronto, Canada
Knock Your Socks Off, Headquarters Galerie & Boutique, Montreal, Canada
Summer Sanctuary, Gallery Hanahou, New York, USA

2006

Getting To Know You, Headquarters Galerie & Boutique, Montreal, Canada
Toronto Alternative Art Fair, Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, Canada
Cats Are the New Bunnies, Magic Pony, Toronto, Canada

2005

Team Macho Draws Similar Conclusions, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto, Canada
Toronto Alternative Art Fair, Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, Canada
Partridge and Pear Trees, Magic Pony, Toronto, Canada

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"Instant Magic." [ROJO Magazine](#), September 2008
Turner, Leah. "Helter Shelter: Team Macho." [Color](#), No 6, Issue 3. (Summer 2008)
Knutzen, Bertie. "Team Macho Artist Profile." [Charm Offensive](#), July 2008.
Bilton, Chris. "Team Macho: The Men of Fancy Action." [Slash](#), Winter 2008.
Burman, Monika. "Recipe for Macho." [MASS Art Guide](#), May 2007.
Whyte, Murray. "Artful Bond of Men." [Toronto Star](#), April 27, 2006
Sung, Hannah. "Interview." [The New Music](#). Much Music television interview,

August 5, 2005.

Terauds, John. "Illustrator gang fees on whimsy." Toronto Star, June 23, 2005.
"Sex City." Radio Interview, CIUT 89.5 FM, May 2, 2005.

CATALOGUES & BOOKS

Peter Thaler and Lars Denicke, eds. Pen To Paper. Berlin: Pictoplasma Publishing, 2009.

Mattus, Matt, ed. Beyond Trend. Cincinnati: HOW Design Books, 2008.

Team Macho. Precious Gems. Toronto: Koyama Press, 2008.

Magic Pony. Fancy Action Now: The Art of Team Macho. Toronto: Magic Pony Publishing, 2007.

LECTURES

Guest Lecturers, Sid Lee Collective, Montreal, Canada, 2007

Talk 20 Toronto, Drake Hotel, Toronto, Canada, 2007

Assembly Required, Xpace, Toronto, Canada, 2007

Guerilla Entrepreneurship, Ontario College of Art and Design, Toronto, Canada, 2006

Rocket Science Launch, Xpace, Toronto, Canada, 2006

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS/CLIENTS

Barenaked Ladies Are Men, *Barenaked Ladies Are Me*, *Barenaked Ladies Talk to the Hand* CD and DVD artwork and tour stage set for Canadian rock group The Barenaked Ladies, 2007.

The National Post, Toronto Star, Mclean's Magazine, The Walrus Magazine, Corus Entertainment, Network Records, Shout!Factory Productions, Dose Magazine, Eye Weekly, Kids On TV