

TAG Fine Arts

CONTEMPORARY ART DEALERS & PUBLISHERS

MARTIN GROVER

Education

- 1980 – 81 Foundation Course, Croydon Art School
1981 – 84 BA (Hons) Fine Art, Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham
1984 – 87 MA Fine Art, Royal Academy Schools, London

Solo Exhibitions

- 2011 **Park Life and Golden Years**, GX Gallery, Camberwell, London
2011 **For the Records**, The Gel Gallery, London
2010 **Life in the Bus Lane (Part II)**, Cinnamon Village, Blackstock Road, London
2010 **One Day We'll Look Back on All This and Cry**, Westminster Reference Library, London
2010 **Somewhere Under the Rainbow**, GX Gallery, Camberwell, London
2009 **You are here and you want to be there**, cueB Gallery, London
2009 **Covers For Unwritten Books**, Gx Gallery, Camberwell, London
2008 **One Day All This Won't Be Yours**, Gx Gallery, Camberwell, London
2007 **Reveries Of The Common-Place**, Gx Gallery, Camberwell, London
2006 **More Adventures in Mediocrity**, Hedspace Gallery, Hanover, Brighton, London
2005 **Tales and Reveries from the Wrong Train**, St Martin in the Fields Gallery London
2004 **Failing Academy**, Morrish Road Gallery, Brixton, London
2004 **Hook, Line and Sinker**, Fridge Gallery, Brixton, London
2003 **Paintings at Given**, Columbia Road, London
2002 **Paintings at Given**, Columbia Road, London
2001 **Now is this Essential Melancholia III**, Royal Teas Gallery, Greenwich, London
2001 **Now I can't believe it's not Art 74**, Metro Gallery, Rupert Street, London
1999 **Irrelevant Details and Marginal Figures**, Metro Gallery, London
1998 **Oh yeah, Right, Asif and Chinrub**, Baraka Gallery, Greek Street, London
1996 **Blind Stitched Hems and Hand Sewn Corners**, Strood Library, Kent
1995 **False Good Bloke Syndrome**, The Gallery, Battersea District Library, London
1994 **Somewhere in this Country**, The Gallery, Battersea District Library, London
1993 Merz Gallery, Earls Court, London
1992 Fred's Gallery, Soho, London
1991 Crypt Gallery, Bloomsbury, London
1990 Villa Gallery, Windmill Street, London
1990 Association of Newham Artists, Newham, London

Group Exhibitions

- 2011 **Cork Street Open**, Cork Street Gallery, London
2011 **Art Saves Lives**, Blacks, London
2011 **Urban Art Fair**, London
2011 **Pop Art Exhibition**, Belgravia Gallery, London
2011 **London Original Print Fair**, TAG Fine Arts, Royal Academy, London
2011 **London Art Fair**, TAG Fine Arts, Islington, London

2010 **AAF**, TAG Fine Arts, Battersea, London
2010 **Multiplied Contemporary Editions Fair**, TAG Fine Arts, Christie's, London
2010 **25th London Original Print Fair**, TAG Fine Arts, Royal Academy, London
2009 **Works on Paper**, with TAG Fine Arts, at Firestation, Windsor
2009 **24th London Original Print Fair**, TAG Fine Arts RA, London
2009 **AAF**, TAG Fine Arts, Battersea, London
2009 **London Art Fair**, TAG Fine Arts, Chelsea, London
2008 **20/21 International Art Fair**, TAG Fine Arts, RCA, London
2008 **Christmas Group Show**, TAG Fine Arts, London
2008 **Onetonshow**, London Lyrics Print Exhibition, Shoreditch Town Hall, London
2008 **Art London**, TAG Fine Arts, London
2008 **Royal Academy Summer Exhibition**, Royal Academy, London
2008 **23rd London Original Print Fair**, TAG Fine Arts RA, London
2008 **Urban Art Fair**, Josephine Ave, Brixton, London
2008 **AAF**, Battersea, London
2007 **Urban Art Fair**, Josephine Ave, Brixton, London
2007 **AAF**, Battersea, London
2006 **Lynn Painter-Stainers Prize Exhibition**, Painters Hall, London
2006 **Life in the Bus Lane**, West Norwood Library Gallery, London
2006 **Summer Exhibition**, Alexander Llewellyn Gallery, London
2006 **Urban Art Fair**, Josephine Avenue, London
2005 **Battersea Contemporary Art Fair**, London
2005 **AAF**, Battersea, London
2005 **Wills Art Warehouse**, Putney, London
2005 **Urban Art Fair**, Josephine Avenue, London
2005 **Summer Exhibition**, Royal Academy, London
2004 **Sunday Times Watercolour Exhibition**, Mall Galleries, London
2004 **AAF**, Battersea, London
2004 **AAF**, Sydney, Australia
2004 **AAF**, Melbourne, Australia
2004 **Urban Art Fair**, Josephine Avenue, London
2003 **Urban Art Fair**, Josephine Avenue, London
2002 **Brommhill Art Hotel**, Barnstable, Devon
2002 **Urban Art Fair**, Josephine Avenue, London
2002 Dental Surgery Gallery, Corn Hill, London
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1999 **Urban Myths and other Realms**, Crest Theatre Gallery, Florida USA
1999 **Plain Fronts, Traditional Cuts and Cracked Pots**, Metro Gallery, London
1998 **Reynolds Club Exhibition**, Royal Academy Schools, London
1998 **Three Artists**, Broomhill Art Hotel, Barnstable, Devon
1997 **Summer Exhibition**, Thompsons Gallery, Dover Street Gallery, London
1997 **Christmas Exhibition**, Thompsons Gallery, Dover Street Gallery, London
1997 **Devon Seen**, Brommhill Art Hotel, Barnstable, Devon
1997 **Royal Academy Summer Exhibition**, London
1996 **Pleins Feux Sur Ivry**, Open Studios, Paris
1996 **Mad in England**, Contemporary Art Gallery, Oirschot, Holland
1995 **Royal Academy Summer Exhibition**, London
1994 Contemporary Art Gallery, Oirschot, Holland
1994 **Hunting Prizes Exhibition**, Royal College of Art, London
1993 **John Moores 19 Exhibition**, Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool (PRIZEWINNER)
1993 **Hunting/Observer Prizes Exhibition**, Mall Galleries, London
1992 **South Bank Picture Show**, Royal Festival Hall, London
1991 Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London
1991 **Contemporary Art Fair**, Gent, Belgium
1991 **Royal Academy Summer Exhibition**, London
1988 **John Moores 17 Exhibition**, Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool

- 1987 **Royal Academy Schools MA Show**, Diploma Gallery, Royal Academy, London
1986 **Royal Academy Summer Exhibition**
1986 **Premiums Show**, Diploma Gallery, Royal Academy, London

About the Artist

'He is a cheerful child who is anxious to please and get things right. Martin works consistently well and is probably working to the best of his abilities and derives pleasure from art... just occasionally he has a day when for some unknown reason things go wrong.'

– J K Campbell 1971

Some things do not change. This consummate realist painter and screenprinter is still attempting to work to the best of his abilities, the pleasure he derives from art as yet undiminished in spite of those “occasional days” with “unknown reasons” that continue to loiter with intent.

Royal Academy graduate Martin Grover uses his everyday surroundings as a backdrop for tales of the banal and bizarre. Grover – who lives and works in Lambeth, South London – often finds his inspiration on the London buses, marvelling at the shifting cityscape or listening into snatches of conversations. In his work, he weaves these partial narratives together to create playful, anecdotal images. Grover's screen-prints offer little paeans to iconic traffic signs, bus stops and buses. Their destinations are states of mind, often elusive, glimpsed but tantalisingly out of reach.

Grover has long been inspired by illustrators such as Bill Robinson, Kenneth Inns, Martin Aitchison, John Berry and Harry Wingfield whose lucid pictures for Ladybird books seem to capture everyday objects and events with a halcyon glow. Familiar from childhood, these images continue to cast a spell.

His work can be found in many private collections throughout the UK, and also in Holland, Italy, Spain, Mexico, USA, Australia and Hong Kong.