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Art by Mr. Brainwash | Courtesy of Contessa Gallery



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Mr. Brainwash Celebrates Art & Unity at Contessa Gallery in Southampton



"I LOVE YOU!" BY MR. BRAINWASH

BY OLIVER PETERSON

This week's *Dan's Papers* cover artist, Mr. Brainwash (aka Thierry Guetta), comes to us from Contessa Gallery in Southampton Village. The contemporary street artist has grown to international acclaim for his dynamic compositions featuring famous artistic and historic images and figures, creating a unique form of Pop Art considered to be a "graffiti hybrid" that has become wildly appealing to collectors, including the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Madonna.

Here, Contessa Gallery founder and owner Contessa Tscherne talks about Mr. Brainwash, his particular cover painting this week, and all the exhibitions and events planned for this summer in Southampton.

Tell us about this piece. What is it about and how was it made?



"EINSTEIN" BY MR. BRAINWASH

"We Work Well Together" is a masterful composition by Mr. Brainwash that encapsulates the profound themes of unity and collaboration. At its center, the artwork features a heartwarming scene of a young boy and girl seated closely on a rustic wooden bench, their innocent camaraderie symbolizing the beauty of friendship.

Vibrant text phrases like "LOVE IS ALL WE NEED" emerge boldly in dripping red spray paint, reinforcing the message that love and unity are at the heart of our human experience.

Mr. Brainwash invites us to embrace the harmony that can be found when we come together, reminding us that collaboration and companionship are the keys to navigating life's vibrant tapestry.

Mr. Brainwash had a unique origin story, with his rise chronicled in Banksy's film *Exit Through the Gift Shop*. Can you speak on this?

Mr. Brainwash's artistic journey is a compelling narrative of transformation and resilience that defies conventional boundaries in the art world. First introduced to a global audience through Banksy's acclaimed documentary *Exit*

Through the Gift Shop.

He is celebrated not only for his distinctive style but also for his contributions to the dialogue surrounding modern art.

What drew the gallery to Mr. Brainwash?

Contessa Gallery's journey with Mr. Brainwash began over 25 years ago, where we felt an immediate connection to his vibrant spirit and innovative approach to art. From that moment, we recognized his extraordinary potential and the profound impact his work could have on the contemporary art scene. As we have evolved together over the years, our partnership has blossomed into a remarkable collaboration that highlights the essence of his artistry.

What else do you have planned at Contessa Gallery this season? What is your vision for the gallery?

This summer, Contessa Gallery is excited to unveil a dynamic exhibition. We will kick off our programming with a stunning photography exhibition in June by renowned artist David Drebin, complemented by a catered reception by New York City's esteemed Caviar Russe.

In July, we will host a special champagne reception featuring the iconic photographer Harry Benson, and renowned artist Hunt Slonem. August will bring a rare exclusive opening for artist Hijack and Brazilian artist Flávia Junqueira, along with a series of other exciting events and exhibitions that celebrate the arts.

Where can people see the work online?

For those unable to visit the gallery in person at 9 Main Street in Southampton, our website contessagallery.com offers a comprehensive view of Mr. Brainwash's works, along with information about upcoming exhibitions and events.

Do you have anything to add?

As we embark on this exciting season, I want to emphasize our commitment to supporting the arts and creating meaningful connections between art and the community. Contessa Gallery is not just a space for exhibitions; it's a platform for dialogue, creativity, and inspiration. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating the incredible talent of Mr. Brainwash and the vibrant art scene in the Hamptons. Additionally, we represent a diversity of artists in the gallery, each bringing their unique voice and perspective to our collective narrative. Together, we strive to create an enriching environment where art thrives and inspires all who enter.

Contact Contessa Gallery at 216-382-7800, art@contessagallery.com or visit the gallery's website at contessagallery.com.