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Review

"[*Covert to Overt*] busts up the years from 2010 to 2014 into **epochs of visual history and inspiration** . . . Peppering the monograph's more than 250 pages are the fruit of Fairey's recent labors--**all the murals, installations, music events and exhibitions** -- both stateside and abroad, as well as a section devoted to his varied collaborations . . . "

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"[*Covert to Overt*] is meant to help turn the page on the "Hope" chapter by highlighting some of the **street murals, mixed media, installations, silkscreens, art-music events** and other pieces of work he has done since. The tome also spells out his influence with such notables as Russell Brand, Chris Stein and Jello Biafra."

-*WWD ONLINE*

About the Author

Shepard Fairey is an American contemporary street artist, graphic designer, activist, and illustrator who emerged from the skateboarding scene. He earned a bachelor of fine arts in illustration from Rhode Island School of Design in 1992. He is best known for his Barack Obama "Hope" poster, which he created in support of the 2008 presidential campaign. His work has been included in the collections of several museums, including the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.; the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; the Museum of Modern Art, New York; and the Victoria and Albert Museum, London.

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