

“Artist Richard Hawkins tours Bob Mizer & Tom of Finland - MOCA U,” *MOCAtv*, January 22, 2014, video



Artist Richard Hawkins tours *Bob Mizer & Tom of Finland*, the first American museum exhibition devoted to the art of two of the most significant figures of twentieth century erotic art and forefathers of an emergent post-war gay culture.

Hawkins, who guest co-curated the exhibition with MOCA Curator Bennett Simpson, examines selections from the first-ever presentation of catalogue boards of Mizer's Athletic Model Guild studios, which to him are enthusiastic celebrations of everyday youth and beauty, as well as Tom of Finland's pencil drawings and pen-and-ink illustrations of radical sexuality. As an artist who has produced collage work, Hawkins pays particular attention to Finland's collage binders, which appear to investigate icons of popular culture for their innate "hotness."

If you haven't been yet, *Bob Mizer & Tom of Finland* is on view at MOCA Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood through Sunday, January 26. If you go today, don't forget to send us a #museumselfie!