

Douglas Coupland



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West Coast

archival lightjet photo mounted on ultraboard
printed on Kodak metallic digital paper
edition 45, 5 artist's proofs, signed by the artist
97.5 x 118 cm. (41 x 46.5")
released October, 2002
issue price \$1,800

DOUGLAS COUPLAND was born December 30, 1961 in Baden-Söllingen, on a Canadian Armed Forces base in what was then West Germany. The family moved to West Vancouver in 1965 where Coupland has lived and worked from for most of his life since.

Coupland graduated from Sentinel Secondary School in West Vancouver and received a Diploma in Sculpture from the Emily Carr College of Art and Design in 1984. Since then he has spent several years working in Sapporo, Honolulu, Milan, Tokyo, Toronto; Montreal and Los Angeles.

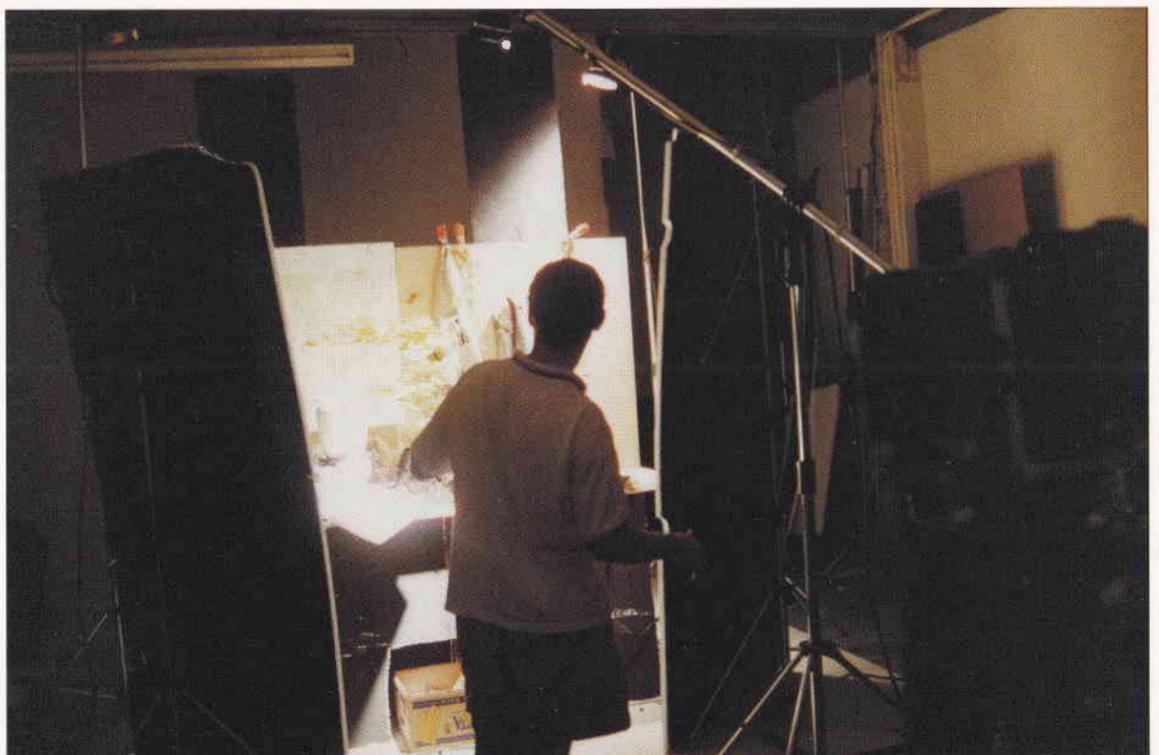
Coupland is best known as an author. His novels have been published in 27 languages and are sold on all continents. In the year 2000 he decided to resume doing visual art work, something he'd stopped doing in 1986 after he had a show in the Vancouver Art Gallery's Children's Gallery (now gone) and began working as a writer full time.

His main influences, like many artists of his era, are Andy Warhol, James Rosenquist, Jenny Holzer, Jeff Koons and Jeff Wall. His work tends to concentrate on finding ways to connect that part of human life that is highly influenced with mass media and manufacturing, with the organic dimension of being human and alive.

"*West Coast*" is a photo based on the pre-20th century painting genre of the still life, albeit, highly refined and redesigned for citizens of this new century. A series of ten other still life photographs appeared in his book, "Souvenir of Canada," published in 2002, a meditation on the meaning of 'Canadianness.' His thoughts on the matter are humorous, passionate and deadly serious. To accompany the production of 'West Coast', *Artists For Kids* has published a selection of simple memories written by Coupland to illuminate the various icons that appear in this photo work.

To make an appointment to view Douglas Coupland's photo "*West Coast*", or if you require more information on other Artists for Kids prints or programs, please contact Bill MacDonald, Managing Director, Artists For Kids Gallery, 810 West 21st Street, North Vancouver, BC Canada. V7P 2C1
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Under very directed lighting, Douglas Coupland composed his still life photo "West Coast" at the Ken Mayer Studios in Vancouver.

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Canadian artists who have generously supported the program include: Douglas Coupland, Kenojuak Ashevak, Roz Marshall, Robert Davidson, the late Jack Shadbolt, Edward J. Hughes, Robert Young, Jane Ash Poitras, Ted Harrison, Michael Snow, the late Jean McEwen, Betty Goodwin, David Blackwood, Gordon Smith, Robert Bateman, Joe Fafard, Gathie Falk, Alan Wood, Guido Molinari, Molly Lamb Bobak, Anne Meredith Barry, Takao Tanabe, Toni Onley, George Littlechild, Irene F. Whitome, Arnold Shives, Ann Kipling, Charles van Sandwyk, the late Bill Reid, the late B.C. Binning and the estate of Frederick and Betty Amess.

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Douglas Coupland standing beside sculpture, "Green Soldier Number One"
2001
Fiberglass over aluminum frame: 5'10" x 24" x 69"
178cm x 71cm x 191cm

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