

# The AXIOM Aesthetic

Weekly inspiration for the creative mind.



Balloons have a surprisingly vast history. Toy balloons date back to the 14th century where they used pig bladders and inflated them. Then in 1824, Michael Faraday invented the rubber balloon to use in experiments with hydrogen. Balloons were first sold as a do it yourself kit, then were produced out of latex in 1847 but didn't enter mass production until the 1930s. Experimentation with a balloon like craft for flight started as early as 1709. In 1783 an experiment confirmed a bag filled with hot air does indeed fly. In June of that year they launched an unmanned balloon in successful flight. Then in September sent a sheep, rooster and duck in flight. The first documented human flight balloon was made by the Montgolfier brothers out of paper and silk. They burned wool and straw to keep the balloon hot, it reached an altitude of at least 500 feet, traveled about 5.5 miles and took approximately 25 minutes. Soon after this invention gas balloons became the preferred mode of air travel.

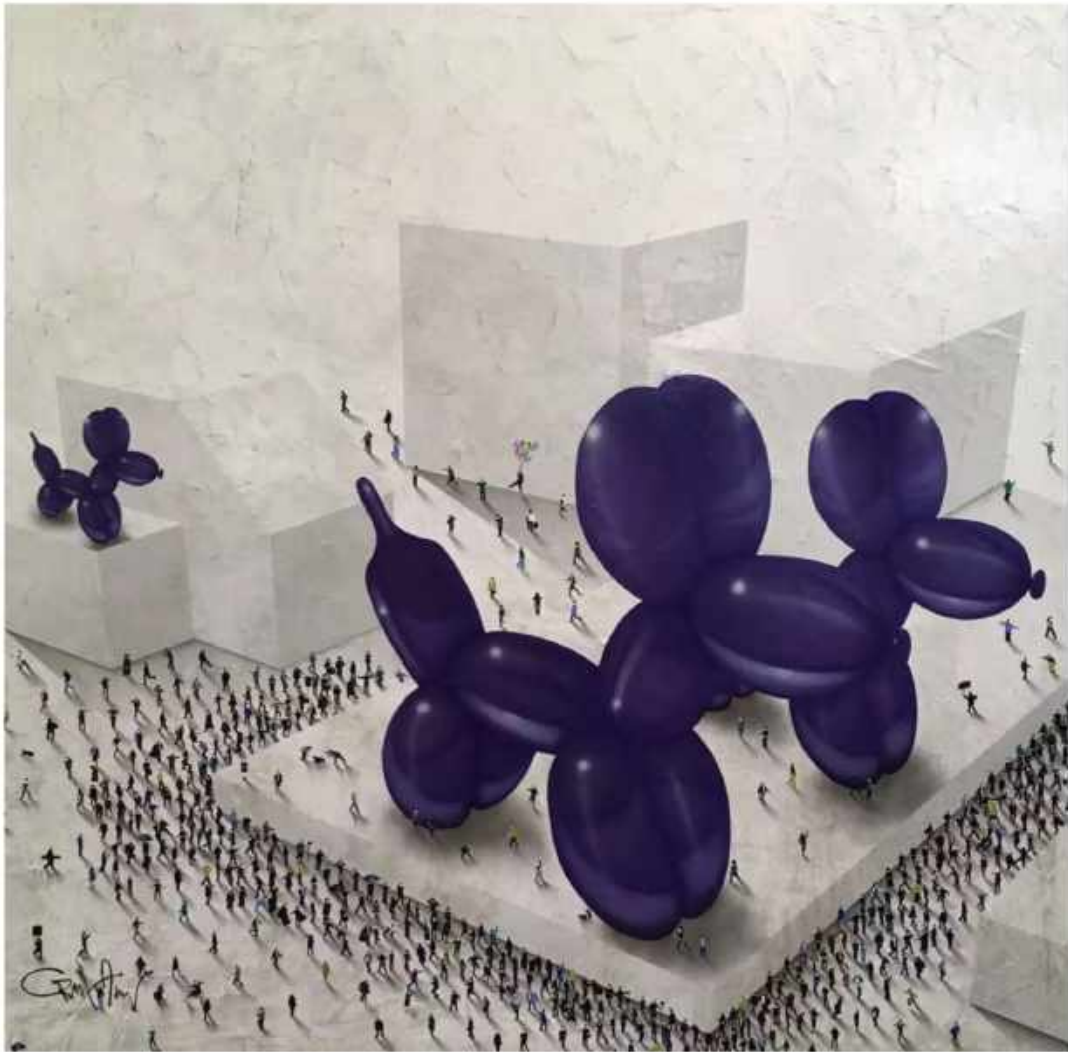




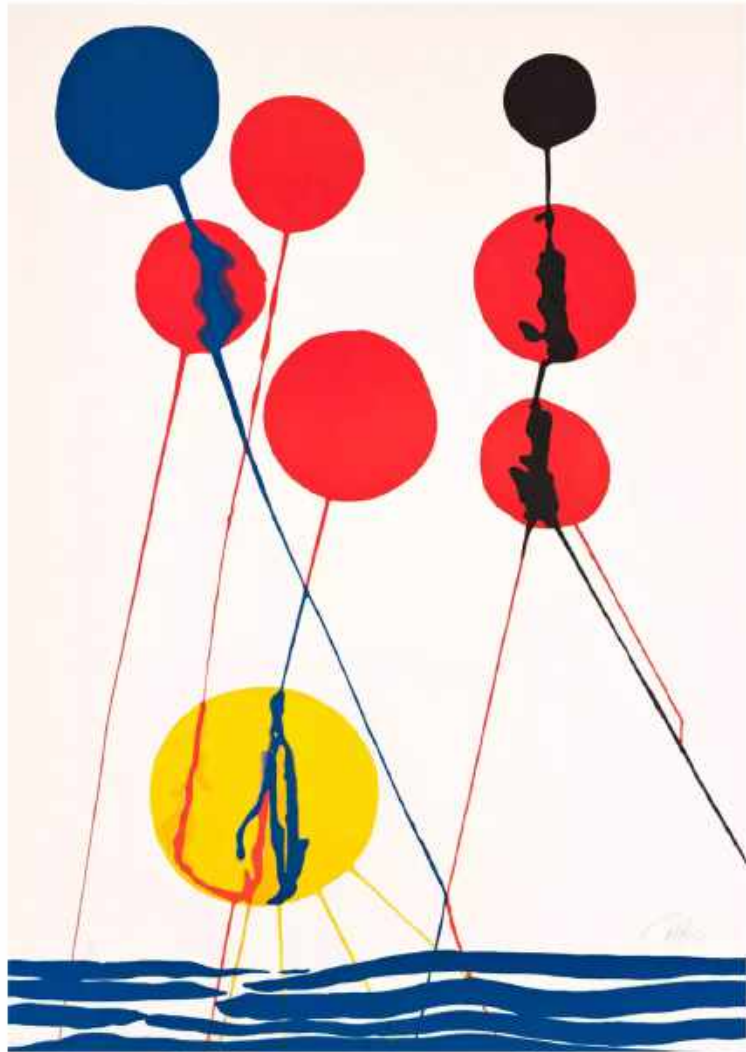
Eelus  
*"Hold on to What you Got"*  
Three Color Screen print on Paper  
19.6 x 27.5 inches



Tom Friedman  
*"Balloon"*  
Colored Pencil on Paper  
41.4 x 54.7 inches



Craig Alan  
*"The Underdog"*  
Mixed Media on Board under Resin  
48 x 48 inches



Alexander Calder  
"Seascape"  
Color Lithograph on Arches  
28 x 39.6 inches



Horst P Horst  
*"American Vogue Cover"*  
Archival Digital Pigment Print on Paper  
31 x 41 inches



David Drebin  
*"Balloons over San Francisco"*  
Digital C Print  
72 x 30 inches



Emanuel De Sousa  
*"Balloon"*  
Charcoal & Acrylic on Canvas  
20 x 20 inches





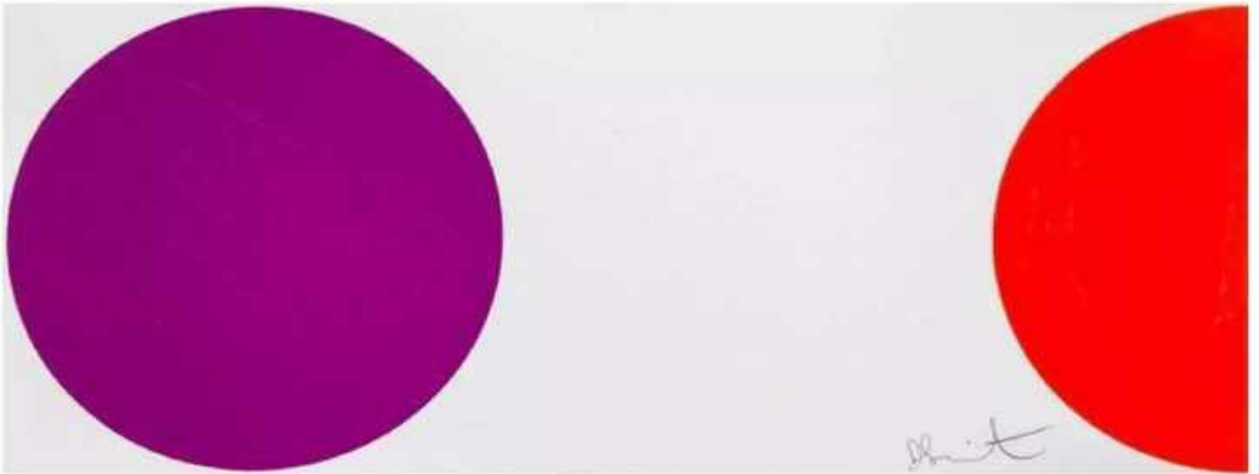
Michael Kenna  
*"Ten Balloons Albuquerque New Mexico"*  
Toned Silver Print  
7.75 x 8.25 inches



Jeff Koons  
*"Balloon Dog"*  
French Limoges Porcelain with Chromatic Coating  
15.7 x 18.9 x 6.2 inches



Adam Handler  
*"Mama Girl with Blue Dandelions Under Black Balloon Sky"*  
Oil Stick & Acrylic on Canvas  
52 x 41 inches



Damien Hirst  
*"Ferric Ammonium Citrate"*  
Woodcut on Somerset Paper  
15.2 x 6.1 inches



Banksy  
*"Girl with Balloon"*  
Screenprint on Paper  
19.7 x 27.6 inches



Peter Andrew Lusztyk  
*"Balloon I"*  
Digital C Print  
60 x 40 inches



Geraldine Morin  
*"Chanel Balloon"*  
Mixed Media  
15 x 52 inches



Saint Vines  
*"Balloon Flight 4"*  
Archival Epson Inkjet Pigment on Cotton Rag Paper  
32.9 x 39.5 inches





Wang Ninghua  
*"Red Balloon Series no.9"*  
White Marble & Resin  
26 x 7.1 x 5.1 inches



Mr Brainwash  
*"Balloon Girl"*  
Silkscreen & Mixed Media on Paper  
35.8 x 24 inches



Fares Micue  
*"The Hope Factory"*  
Archival Epson Pigment Ink on Paper  
39.5 x 26.3 inches



Peterson Guerrier  
*"I'm Not Sure I"*  
Acrylic & Graphite on Canvas  
47 x 55 inches



Peterson Guerrier  
*"I'm Not Sure II"*  
Acrylic & Graphite on Canvas  
47 x 55 inches

