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My name is Mike John Otto. I am a creative living in Hamburg and Berlin, working as Executive Creative Director (ECD) and Partner at Artificial Rome. I also founded the creative collective Blackbeltmonkey.

My career combines the fields of art, design and technology and began in the early 2000s and has included several international roles at agencies such as BBDO, ACNE and Razorfish, creative boutiques such as Hi-ReS! and Artificial Rome, and creative consultancies such as Deloitte Digital. With over 25 years of experience at renowned agencies, I have built up extensive expertise in design, branding, brand staging and brand experiences. My particular focus is on narrative brand experiences, which go far beyond conventional brand design & communication.

I am a respected voice in the international creative scene, serving on juries such as the Art Directors Club Germany (ADC), Cannes Lions, D&AD, Deutscher Digital Award and the iF Design Award.

I passed on my expertise as a guest lecturer at several institutions such as the MSD, FH Design in Münster and the Brand Academy in Hamburg. I taught digital communication, design, branding and narrative experiences, my lectures always focussed on the cultural and narrative aspects of design.

In addition to my entrepreneurial and academic activities, I am also active as a prompt artist and mixed media artist. I blur the boundaries between my commercial work and my artistic endeavours. In doing so, I create mixed media art that combines traditional techniques with digital processes.

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PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Partner & Executive Creative Director Artificial Rome www.artificialrome.com	2023- now
Chief Creative Officer Deloitte Digital www.deloittedigital.de	2019- 2023
Executive Creative Director ACNE www.acne.se	2021- 2023
Managing Director & Executive Creative Director Philipp & Keuntje www.philippundkeuntje.de	2014- 2019
Managing Director & Executive Creative Director Hi-ReS! www.hi-res.net	2011- 2013
Founder & Creative Director BlackBeltMonkey Collective www.blackbeltmonkey.com	2008- 2011
Creative Director Interone Worldwide BBDO www.interone.de	2004-2008
Senior Art Director Elephant Seven www.e-7.com	2003- 2004
Senior Designer Razorfish www.razorfish.com	2000- 2003

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STUDIES

FH Design Münster

WS 1996- SS 2000

Münster School of Design.

Visuelle Kommunikation / Design

Abschluss: Diplom Designer

SKILLS

Creative leadership & vision

Creating and developing art-orientated timeless experiences.

Activating people for social issues and inspiring them to think. Observing and analysing the latest trends in technology, design and society. Managing hybrid teams for complex brand experiences. Leading team meetings and presentations.

Utilising the latest technologies such as AI, Unreal and Unity.

Languages

German: native

English: fluent

Italian: fluent

Software Skills

Adobe Creative Suit

AI Tools: Midjourney, Luma.ai, Suno, Hedra

Microsoft Office

Unreal Editor

AR / VR

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LECTURER

Lecturer 2016- 2017
MSD, Münster School of Design
Digital Communication / Design

Lecturer 2012- 2013
Brand Academy
Brand Communication / Design

Lecturer 2008- 2010
Design Factory
Visual Communication / Design

Lecturer 2008
HTK
Web Design

MORE

MEMBER
Art Directors Club Deutschland since 2008
D&AD since 2010

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PUBLICATIONS

Web Design Flash Sites (Taschen Verlag)	Case feature
Web Design E-Commerce (Taschen Verlag)	Case feature
Web Design Games (Taschen Verlag)	Introduction & Case
Advertising Now Online (Taschen Verlag)	Interview & Case
Hamburgs Kreative. 2010	Introduction & Case
Selection Yearbook 2011	Introduction & Case
Selection Yearbook 2012	Introduction & Case
Page Magazine	Introductions
Weave Magazine	Introductions

EXHIBITIONS

I paint and work on large-scale mixed-media artworks using a variety of techniques, including a drawing robot (Makelangelo) and processing software.

My artworks have been exhibited:

06.09.2024	TYHA Exhibition , AR Studio Berlin
15.12.2023	Markenfilm Art Exhibition , Markenfilm Hamburg
30.11.2018	Tabula Rasa , Oberfett Gallery Hamburg
01.12.2017	Tabula Rasa , Oberfett Gallery Hamburg
28.09.2017	Bots and Cars Exhibition , Island Gallery Hamburg
06.04.2017	Mike Bot , Oberfett Gallery Hamburg
09/10.07.2015	The Extra Hour Cube XH Collective Hamburg

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JURY PARTICIPATION

- 2025 **Art Director Club ADC** Jury, Immersive Tech Jury
- 2024 **Art Director Club ADC** Jury, Immersive Experiences Jury
- 2023 **Art Director Club ADC** Jury, Web 3 Jury
- 2022 **Eurobest**, Business Transformation Jury
- 2022 **Creativepool**, Rebel Jury
- 2022 **iF Design**, Communications Jury
- 2022 **Art Director Club ADC** Jury, Digital Experiences Jury
- 2021 **Art Director Club ADC** Jury, Digital Experiences Jury
- 2020 **Art Director Club ADC** Jury Chairman, Digital Experiences Jury
- 2019 **Deutscher Digital Award**
- 2019 **Art Director Club ADC**, Digital Jury
- 2019 **Deutscher Digital Award**
- 2018 **Art Director Club ADC**, Digital Jury
- 2018 **Deutscher Digital Award**
- 2017 **Cannes Lions**, Mobile Jury
- 2017 **Deutscher Digital Award**, Jury Chairman
- 2017 **Art Director Club ADC**, Digital Jury
- 2016 **Art Director Club ADC**, Digital Jury
- 2016 **Deutscher Digital Award**
- 2015 **Art Director Club ADC**, Digital Jury
- 2014 **Art Director Club ADC**, Digital Jury
- 2013 **DMMA**, Digital Jury
- 2013 **Art Director Club ADC**, Event Jury
- 2013 **D&AD**, Digital Design Jury
- 2011 **DMMA**, Digital Jury
- 2011 **D&AD**, Digital Design Jury
- 2009 **Art Director Club ADC**, Digital Jury
- 2008 **Art Director Club ADC**, Digital Jury
- 2007 **Art Director Club ADC**, Digital Jury

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AWARDS

Cannes Mobile Lions Gold
Cannes Mobile Lions Silver
Cannes Mobile Lions Silver
Cannes Cyber Lions Silver
Cannes Cyber Lions Bronze
Cannes Cyber Lions 2x Bronze
Cannes Cyber Lions Bronze
Cannes Cyber Lions Shortlist
Cannes Cyber Lions Shortlist
Cannes Cyber Lions Shortlist
Cannes Cyber Lions Shortlist
Clio Gold
Clio 2x Silber
ADC 2x Gold
ADC 2x Silver
ADC 2x Bronze
ADC Gold
ADC 2x Silver
ADC 2x Silver
ADC 4x Bronze
ADC Bronze
ADC Silver
ADC Silver
ADC Silver
ADC Bronze
ADC Bronze
ADC Bronze
ADC Bronze
ADC Bronze
ADC Bronze
ADC Bronze
ADC Auszeichnung
ADC Auszeichnung 2x
ADC Auszeichnung
Golden Award of Montreaux
Golden Award of Montreaux
Deutscher Digital Award Gold
Digital Deutscher Digital Award Silver
Deutscher Digital Award Silver
New York Festivals Gold
New York Festivals Gold
New York Festivals Silver
New York Festivals Bronze
New York Festivals Bronze
New York Festivals Bronze
New York Festivals Bronze
New York Festivals Finalist

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Rimowa Electronic Tag
Legacy of Tomorrow Metaverse
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adidas Teamgeist
MINI Incredibly MINI
MINI Turn your mobile
BlackBeltMonkey.com
Interone Website
MINI Turn your mobile
adidas Y3 Mirror
Sennheiser the Oracle
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Diesel VERT
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Rimowa Electronic Tag
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Pringles, AR you Ready?!
Sennheiser Reshaping Excellence
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MINI Turn your Mobile
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Who killed the idea
Subkulturen UK
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Sennheiser Momentum
Sennheiser Reshaping Excellence
SUSE IPO Experience
Deloitte Digital Map of Knowledge
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Rimowa Electronic Tag Deutscher
Sennheiser Reshaping Excellence
BlackBeltMonkey.com
BMW ICS New Media
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HDI Online Special
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IF Design Gold
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Epica Gold
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World Media Award
Annual Multimedia
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Annual Multimedia
IAA Automobile Award
Cresta
Cresta
DMMA Silver
Epica
LIAA Silver
Eurobest Shortlist
FWA & Adobe Cutting Edge Award
FWA Site of the month
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SUSE IPO Experience
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Hyundai Light Reveal
adidas Teamgeist
adidas sign for your club
MINI - incredibly MINI Cooper
MINI John Cooper Works GP
Diesel VERT