



## **A Manifesto for Revolution in the Visual Arts**

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October 15, 2009 – Artoholic Publishing, LLC is proud to announce the release of the book '**Art Is Dead: A Reflection On Visual Art In America**'. This controversial new book is the brainchild of author and professor Ted Mikulski. He takes a critical standpoint towards visual arts resonance in modern day America. The book features 16 artist contributors who add their own opinion towards the subject. These contributors include:

**Nathan Janes  
Peter Smolenski  
George Boutwell  
Nicole Bernard  
Jon Brodel  
Leif Nilsson  
David Szydlowski  
Balam Soto**

**Chriss Pagani  
Shawn McNulty  
Mike Ming  
Robert Holton  
Heidi Taillefer  
Yuri Shimojo  
Ronald Mallory  
Robert Perless**

**Description:**

If you were asked to name your favorite living visual artist what would you say? Unfortunately, the average American does not have an answer to that question, nor can they rationalize a piece of art beyond the Mona Lisa. Intriguing and entertaining, Art is Dead takes a profound look at visual art in America through the eyes of artist and art professor, Ted Mikulski. This book steps outside of the conventional art bubble and rationalizes how we in America perceive both art and the artists creating it. Art Is Dead asks the tough question, why don't Americans know more about art? Drawing on interviews with artists, gallery owners, curators, and those not involved in the art world, Mikulski takes the reader on a journey into visual arts current status in society. Artists will always be around, but are they revered? Are they appreciated? And more importantly, are they figureheads in society? The book can be purchased from [artoholicpublishing.com](http://artoholicpublishing.com) and more can be learned about the book at [artisdeadbook.com](http://artisdeadbook.com)

**Author Statement:**

I don't believe artists should be unusual creatures stuck in basements working hard for no money. I believe the visual arts community should have pop-culture celebrities outside of the art world. I believe artists should stop creating work for each other and draw in the general public again. I believe visual artists should be leading the culture revolutions for society instead of just reacting to them.

My goal is for this book to spark conversation, start discussions and begin to question the status quo. –Ted Mikulski

**Book Reviews and Interviews:**

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Ted Mikulski is now available for interviews based on availability. To inquire about an interview email [contact@artoholicpublishing.com](mailto:contact@artoholicpublishing.com) or call **860-280-5622**. To contact one of the contributing artists, you can find their contact information on [artisdeadbook.com](http://artisdeadbook.com).