



# Figure Drawing Class at the

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### **Iggy Pop Posed Naked for New York Art Class**

By Daniel Kreps February 29, 2016



Iggy Pop posed naked for 21 artists in a nude drawing class for a project spearheaded by the Brooklyn Museum and conceptual artist Jeremy Deller Elena Olivo/Brooklyn Museum

#### "It makes perfect sense for Iggy Pop to be the subject of a life class; his body is central to an understanding of rock music and its place within American culture," artist Jeremy Deller says

Artists at a life drawing class at the New York Academy of Art were greeted by a naked Iggy Pop February 21st as the rocker was recruited by the Brooklyn Museum to serve as the class' nude model. Twenty-one artists, aged 19 to 80, participated in the "Iggy Pop Life Class" project, with the resulting portraits of the 68-year-old Pop set to debut at the Brooklyn Museum this fall before going on tour. Conceptual artist Jeremy Deller was the driving force behind the project."The life class is a special place in which to scrutinize the human form," Deller said of the project (via Pitchfork). "As the bedrock of art education and art history, it is still the best way to understand the body. For me it makes perfect sense for Iggy Pop to be the subject of a life class; his body is central to an understand-ing of rock music and its place within American culture. His body has witnessed much and should be documented."

The art class wrapped up a busy New York visit for Pop as he also performed at the annual all-star Tibet House Benefit Concert, where he performed David Bowie's "The Jean Genie." Pop and Josh Homme will release their surprise collaborative LP Post Pop Depression on March 18th; so far, the pair have unveiled the album cuts "Gardenia," "Break Into Your Heart" and "Sunday."

Pop and Homme then embark on a six-week-long trek in support of their new LP on March 28th at Seattle's Paramount Theatre.



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### Iggy Pop poses naked for Jeremy Deller exhibition

Mahita Gajanan in New York Monday 29 February 2016 16.22 EST

The Stooges frontman was drawn nude for a show at the Brooklyn Museum, masterminded by Jeremy Deller who said: 'His body has witnessed much and should be documented'

More than 20 drawings of Iggy Pop's nude form will be exhibited at the Brooklyn Museum in New York as part of a project conceived by the artist Jeremy Deller.

The Stooges frontman served as a nude model in a life drawing class at the New York Academy of Arts on 21 February, where 21 artists ranging in age from 19 to 80 drew him. The drawings will be shown at the Brooklyn Museum this fall in an exhibit called Iggy Pop Life Class before the exhibit goes on tour.

"The life class is a special place in which to scrutinize the human form," Deller said of the project. "As the bedrock of art education and art history, it is still the best way to understand the body."

Deller has collaborated with musicians before, for instance for his Acid Brass project, where he engaged brass bands from the north of England to play acid house anthems like A Guy Called Gerald's Voodoo Ray. Deller said he chose Iggy Pop for this project because it "is central to an understanding of rock music".

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Pop's collaboration with Queens of the Stone Age's Josh Homme, Post Pop Depression, will be released on 18 March.





### **Iggy Pop Posed Nude for a Life Drawing Class**

Nolan Feeney @NolanFeeney March 1, 2016

The singer often performs topless and sometimes reveals far more

Iggy Pop is rarely seen with a shirt on, but a group of artists got to see a whole new side of him earlier this month.

The rock star posed nude for a life drawing class at the New York Academy of Art on Feb 21, Pitchfork reports. British artist Jeremy Deller and the Brooklyn Museum coordinated the class.

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lggy Pop performs on October 28, 2015 in Los Angeles.

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The 21 artists' drawings will be shown at the Brooklyn Museum in an exhibition called "Iggy Pop Life Class" before going on tour.

Iggy Pop's new album, Post Pop Depression, comes out March 18.





### Iggy Pop Poses Nude for Drawing Students, Google Computers Make Art—and More

By Alanna Martinez • 03/01/16 10:00am



Students drawing Iggy Pop during a life drawing class at the New York Academy of Art. The work will go on view for Jeremy Deller's exhibition "Iggy Pop Life Class" at the Brooklyn Museum this fall. (Photo: Brooklyn Museum via Tumblr)

Punk star Iggy Pop disrobed at the New York Academy of Art for students, as part of an art project by Jeremy Deller. Mr. Deller's exhibition, called "Iggy Pop Life Class," will take student portraits of the nude rocker and show them at the Brooklyn Museum this fall.





### Iggy Pop strips down for art

By Mara Siegle | February 29, 2016 | 9:32pm



Iggy Pop poses nude for an art project. Photo: Elena Olivo/Brooklyn Museum

Iggy Pop stripped down and posed in front of 21 artists at the New York Academy of Art for a project for the Brooklyn Museum and artist Jeremy Deller.

The skinny Stooges frontman, who has a new album due out, did a series of five-minute poses and one long seated pose over the course of four hours.

We're told he stayed around to admire the drawings of himself, which will be shown at the museum this fall.



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### Iggy Pop sits for nude life drawing class at the New York Academy of Art

'His body has witnessed much and should be documented.'

Christopher Hooton @christophhooton Monday 7 March 2016

Most life drawing subjects are anonymous opportunists looking to make a quick buck, but none other than Iggy Pop sat (well, laid) for artists at the New York Academy of Art this week.

The life drawing class was hosted by Turner Prize-winning artist Jeremy Deller, with the completed portraits set to be shown off at the Brooklyn Museum in autumn, before the Iggy Pop Life Class collection tours yet-to-be-announced museums around the US.

Deller said Iggy Pop was chosen given how central the frequently half-naked musician's body is to his music and aesthetic.

"For me it makes perfect sense for Iggy Pop to be the subject of a life class; his body is central to an understanding of rock music and its place within American culture. His body has witnessed much and should be documented," he explained.

The portraits will follow the release of the 68-year-old's new album Post Pop Depression, which sees him collaborate with Queens of the Stone Age's Josh Homme and he expects to be his last.

"I feel like I'm closing up after this, that's what I feel. It's my gut instinct," he said recently.



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### IGGY POP POSED NUDE AT THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF ART FOR A JEREMY DELLER PROJECT

By Nate Freeman Posted 02/29/16 2:14 pm

Ever the exhibitionist, Iggy Pop took a break from promoting his new album to pose in his birthday suit for art students at the New York Academy of Art as part of a work by Jeremy Deller. Iggy Pop Life Class, which will exhibit the students' portraits of the naked Pop, will open at the Brooklyn Museum this fall, and then tour. It's at least a little surprising that the "Lust For Life" singer's unclothed body is now the subject of a new show by a Turner-winning artist, but Deller says it felt right.

"For me it makes perfect sense for Iggy Pop to be the subject of a life class; his body is central to an understanding of rock music and its place within American culture," Deller said in a statement. "His body has witnessed much and should be documented."

"Post Pop Depression," Pop's collaborative album with Queens of the Stone Age's Josh Homme, comes out March 18.

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### Iggy Pop Stars in Life Drawing Class for Jeremy Deller Project

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Iggy's got lust for art.

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#### Lorena Muñoz-Alonso, February 29, 2016

On February 21, a group of 21 artists got together at the New York Academy of Art to take a life drawing class. However, the nude model was neither a sensual nymph nor an Apollonian youth, but the 68-year-old punk-rock legend Iggy Pop himself, posing languidly atop a table.



Iggy Pop performing with the Stooges in Hungary in 2006. Photo: Derzsi Elekes Andor via Wikimedia Commons.

Pop is no stranger to exhibitionism—he's prone to performing on stage with his upper body exposed—but in this case, he bared it all in the name of art, for a project conceived by British artist Jeremy Deller in collaboration with the Brooklyn Museum.

"For me it makes perfect sense for Iggy Pop to be the subject of a life class; his body is central to an understanding of rock music and its place within American culture," Deller said in a release. "His body has witnessed much and should be documented."

"The life class is a special place in which to scrutinize the human form. As the bedrock of art education and art history, it is still the best way to understand the body," he added.

The 21 participants represent New York's diverse community in terms of background, gender, and age spanning undergraduate students, practicing artists, and retirees. The drawings produced during the class, which was led by artist and drawing professor Michael Grimaldi, will be shown at a Brooklyn Museum exhibition in the fall of 2016, and will then tour to other museums (although details are yet to be announced).

The lucky artists were selected by Deller and Brooklyn Museum's Sharon Matt Atkins based on recommendations from instructors at the Brooklyn Museum's Gallery/Studio Program, the Art Students League of New York, Kingsborough Community College, the New York Academy of Art, and Pratt Institute.

Deller, known for his large, collaborative projects, has a keen interest in music, and has often made work involving musicians, specific genres, or music-related phenomena.

In The History of the World (1997), for example, Deller drew a diagram representing the social, political, and musical connections between house music and brass bands, as a mean to explore England's transformation from industrial to the post-industrial production. That same year, as part of Acid Brass, Deller hired a brass band to reinterpret classic tracks of the acid house repertoire.

In his 2006 video Our Hobby Is Depeche Mode, he explored the famous technopop band from the perspective of its worldwide fandom, traveling to Mexico, US, Germany, Romania, Brazil, Canada, and Russia, filming and interviewing a wide array of fans, and thus turning the piece into an anthropological exercise.



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### Here's Iggy Pop Posing Nude for a Life Drawing Class

3/1/2016 by Joe Lynch Elena Olivo/Brooklyn Museum

Rock out with your...well, you know.

Iggy Pop's penis has finally been recognized as a work of art.

After years of popping it out on stage, smearing it in peanut butter and letting it vibrate on speakers, Pop unleashed his Raw Power on a life drawing class at the New York Academy of Art on Feb. 21.

His nude form was rendered by 21 different artists, ages 19 to 80. The drawings they made will find their way to the Brooklyn Museum in the fall of 2016 for an exhibit called Iggy Pop Life Class, conceived by Jeremy Deller. Though really, it should have been called Iggy Pop's Lust for Life Class.





### Iggy Pop poses nude for Brooklyn Museum exhibit

By Georgia Kral February 29, 2016

A group of artists drew a well-known nude model recently at the New York Academy of Art.

The model was Iggy Pop, the musician and provocateur, and the drawings will be featured in an upcoming exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum.

"Iggy Pop Life Class" was conceived by artist Jeremy Delle and opens in fall 2016.

"The life class is a special place in which to scrutinize the human form. As the bedrock of art education and art history, it is still the best way to understand the body," Deller said. "For me it makes perfect sense for Iggy Pop to be the subject of a life class; his body is central to an understanding of rock music and its place within American culture. His body has witnessed much and should be documented."

Pop has always performed shirtless, even now about 50 years after forming his venerable band The Stooges. But how many of us have seen him fully nude? While the drawings are not quite the same thing as the real, consider us intrigued.

The singer will be on tour starting March 15, promoting his forthcoming album, "Post Pop Depression," with Josh Homme of Queens of the Stone Age. The duo plays a sold-out show at United Palace Theatre, 4140 Broadway, on April 12.



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# iggy pop gets naked for life drawing class and nsfw exhibition

### NEWS | Hannah Ongley | 29 February, 2016

The punk rock provocateur lent his infamous body to the New York Academy of Art last Sunday. These artists at the New York Academy of Art last Sunday are hardly the only people who have seen Iggy Pop's privates. The noted exhibitionist has been performing in see-through pants and posing nude on book covers since before some of them were even born. That was part of the reason artist Jeremy Deller wanted Iggy to play model for his latest project, which isn't just a life drawing class but a corresponding (and equally NSFW) exhibition. The works, sketched by a diverse group of 21 New York artists, will be shown as "Iggy Pop Life Class" at the Brooklyn Museum before going on tour.

"The life class is a special place in which to scrutinize the human form," Deller said of this stark contrast between stage and classroom. "As the bedrock of art education and art history, it is still the best way to understand the body. For me it makes perfect sense for Iggy Pop to be the subject of a life class; his body is central to an understanding of rock music and its place within American culture. His body has witnessed much and should be documented."

Deller devised the class and exhibition in collaboration with the Brooklyn Museum. "Iggy Pop Life Class" is slated to open in fall 2016, but that's not the only project punk rock's O.G. provocateur has in the pipe this year. His 17th solo album, titled Post Pop Depression and due out March 18, will be a collaboration with Josh Homme. An upcoming silent film with fellow nonconformist Grace Jones also sounds sounds well worth keeping an eye on.







### Iggy Pop Reveals His Lust For Life (Drawing) By Posing Naked For Art Students

#### March 2, 2016

He's no stranger to stripping in public in the name of art.

It's usually his art - as Iggy Pop usually goes topless during performances.

But the Stooges frontman has now offered up his lean physique in the name of drawing, as he stripped and posed for a drawing class at the New York Academy of Art in February.

According to reports 21 artists aged 19 to 80 took part in the Iggy Pop Life Class project.

Speaking about the lesson conceptual artist Jeremy Deller told the Pitchfork website: "The life class is a special place in which to scrutinise the human form.

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Iggy tweeted about his decision: 'It's ART, Darling.'