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## man of few words : todd james



Todd James started his career as an artist as a very young man on the subways of New York. Under the name REAS, he quickly became a famous name and is regarded as an elder statesman of the graffiti world. He, along with Steve Powers and Barry McGee were the brains behind the seminal 'Street Market' exhibition. Nowadays, he's more known for his cartoonish, brightly coloured representations of war and subjects involved with war. He has a show at [Lazarides Gallery](#) on Rathbone Place and his answers are very short.

**Can you tell us a bit more about what to expect in this exhibition?**

There will be pirates, ak47s and cats assholes, all on display.

**Do you ever fancy packing your bag with some spray cans and creeping out to do some graffiti? Or are you fully out of that game now?**

That's a young man's game. The only games I play are digital and involve giant robots.

**Do you miss the old, wild New York?**

Rarely.

**Do you ever sit back and look out of the window and realise that your work (including logos for The Source, Beastie Boys, Mobb Deep etc) must have been seen by literally millions of people, and then have your mind a bit blown? How does that feel?**

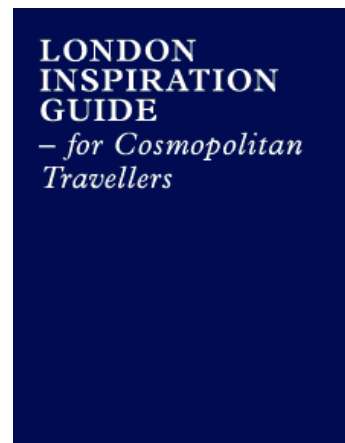
I don't know, I never thought about it that way until now and I'm realising most people have no idea I did that stuff to begin with. lol

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