

# Wallpaper\*

## Wallpaper\* celebrates the fine art of Tom of Finland

The Tom of Finland Foundation has opened the doors of its LA headquarters to Wallpaper\* for a special 13-page feature in the magazine's November issue.

Touko Laaksonen (aka Tom of Finland) was the most influential homoerotic artist of the 20th century. Across a 50-year career, Tom created thousands of drawings of muscle-bound, bulgingly priapic sailors, soldiers, cops, cowboys, bikers and lifeguards. His pictures delight in the sheen of leather boots and motorcycle jackets and in the snug fit of sailor trousers and muscle shirts.

The foundation is devoted to preserving his legacy, as well as supporting a wider range of erotic art. Pieces from its 3,500-strong permanent collection are displayed to form the decor throughout the 17-room residence that was Tom's base from 1980 until 1991 and remains home to foundation president Durk Dehner and vice-president SR Sharp.

While unapologetically pornographic, the foundation is a celebration of Tom of Finland's work and – with some of the artist's pieces shown at Art Basel earlier this year – has raised the status of the homoerotic to high art.

The full article, with photography by artist Jack Pierson, is published in the November issue of Wallpaper\*, on sale from Monday 13 October 2014.



TOP, THE NOVEMBER NEWSSTAND COVER PHOTOGRAPHED BY JAN LEHNER IS AN HOMAGE TO TOM OF FINLAND'S *MAN AND HIS BOOT*, 1982

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