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# Mark Dion: Contemporary Artist (Contemporary Artists (Phaidon))



## Synopsis

This text explores the work of vanguard artist Mark Dion who has made site-specific projects all over the world which explore the relationship of Western art, literature and museology with the natural environment. His sculptures and installations often focus on contemporary environmental issues, and have the uncanny quality of film sets or dioramas. His life-size environments have included live and stuffed animals, plants, lab equipment, and museological displays of garbage. They present lyrical and funny investigations into exoticism, colonialism and environmental crisis.

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Mark Dion was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1961. Since 1985, his work has been presented internationally, including at the Reina Sofía, Madrid; Kunsthalle Zurich; De Appel Foundation, Amsterdam; Bonner Kunstverein; the 47th Venice Biennale; the Vancouver Art Gallery; Hamburg Kunstverein; and the Wexner Center for the Arts. Dion is the recipient of the 2001 Larry Aldrich Foundation Award. He lives and works in Beach Lake, Pennsylvania. Miwon Kwon is Assistant Professor of Art History at the University of California, Los Angeles.

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Mark Dion is one of those creative people, be they artists, scientists, scholars, cryptozoologists, inventors, novelists, or whomever/whatever, who hit up against the rigid parameters of where they find their work landing - then goes beyond. This book, in photographs and text, defines for those only now beginning to be aware of Dion's efforts, a sense of the who and what of this man. To get a wonderful peek inside the mind of a genius, obtain this book. - Loren Coleman

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