

About Todd Oldham

Known for his unique sense of color, extravagant details, and lighthearted approach, Todd Oldham has influenced nearly every element of art and design in the three decades since he launched his first clothing line in 1989 and, just two years later, won the Council of Fashion Designer Perry Ellis Award for New Fashion Talent (1991). He is the founder of Todd Oldham Studio, and known for everything from film director and MTV host to designer of furniture, interiors, exhibition, and products.

A noted author and editor of more than 22 books, Oldham has produced monographs on artists Charley Harper, Wayne White, Alexander Girard, Ed Emberly, Gerald Davis, and John Waters, among others. As a response to diminishing school art programs in schools, he published *Kid Made Modern* in 2009, and launched the *All About* how-to series for creative kids—which has expanded to include collections of high-quality art supplies for children and adults in partnership with Target.

Oldham's work with the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) began in 1989. Since then, he has frequently served as a guest critic, hosted class visits to his New York City studio, hired students upon graduation (notably artist David Wiseman, RISD 2003), and published a book of photography revealing the creative live-work spaces of RISD students (*PlaceSpace* series: *Home Studio Home: Providence, RI*, 2008; available at RISD WORKS, the RISD Museum store). In 2014, RISD awarded Oldham an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree, which recognizes exceptional individuals who have made groundbreaking contributions to the world of art and design.

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About the RISD Museum

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Todd Oldham with Amber Valletta and Shalom Harlow, Todd Oldham runway show, Fall 1996. Photograph by Dan Lecca. Courtesy of the Todd Oldham Studio.