

mike van audenhove

Ten years Zürich by Mike — One week Luzern by Mike

„Zürich should think itself lucky knowing that Mike van Audenhove is with them.“ (Comic Speedline, Germany)

Born 1957 in Raleigh, North Carolina, USA. The son of Belgian immigrants from Gent, he moved to Switzerland in 1966. „Hochschule“ in Zug (Montana Institute). Founder of the „Rip Off“ magazine. First comic strips. Headed back to the states. 1975 to 1979 studied at Hamilton College in Upstate New York. Majored in B.A. Studio Art/ Economics. Co-founder of „The Daily Planet“. Comic/ Cartoon exhibitions. Book „How to spot a Cartoonist“. New York City 1979 to 1980. Various illustration work.

“With great love for his fellow man and great powers of observation, Mike’s strips allow us an inside look at his Mr and Mrs Zürich and their unique characteristics.“ (Digest, Vienna)

1980 till 1984 wandering...Sweden, Italy, Vermont, NYC, Tennessee, Ticino, Jura, Berne, Aargau. Was an impressionist, baker, tiler, chauffeur, streetpainter, tennis and English teacher.

Professional comic artist in Zürich since 1984. First publications: Comics in the Tages-Anzeiger magazine, WoZ, Strapazin, Schweizer Illustrierte, Spick etc. The „Koch Komix“ comic-strip was thrown out of the local Zürich paper because of political problems. Published two books himself in 1990/1991. „Der kleine Mann“ in the Schweizer Illustrierte, then later in the Zürich Oberländer and in the Blick.

“This American-born guy really hits the nerve with his everyday life comics.“ (Brückenbauer)

Moved to Rudolfstetten in 1996. Cartoon movie for the 700 year celebration of Switzerland. Two books: “Total müde“ (1994) and “Total in Ordnung“ (1995) with Fackelträger publishing.

“Weird: all the characters, young and old, average and exotic, native and foreign that are portrayed (and sometimes made fun of) in Mike van Audenhove’s albums I seem to know somehow. Maybe I’d better take another look in the mirror?“ (Daniel Fischer, Zürich Tagblatt)

Since 1996 Mike has released his “Zürich by Mike“ comic-series with great success in the “Züritipp“ supplement of the local Zürich newspaper and each year since 1997 as a comic album with Edition Moderne. Over 150 000 copies up till now.

Fumetto

Internationales Comix-Festival Luzern

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Or in Lucerne: Mike van Audenhove is Fumetto's artist in residence in the Schweizerhof Hotel. He will be capturing the everyday going's-on in the central Swiss city like no one else can: both loving and ruthless. The daily sketches and strips will then be put on display (the following day) and able to be bought. That's how "Luzern by Mike" will be created during the artist's ten day stay in our lovely city.

"Good day Mr Audenhove, every Friday I dive into "Züri by Mike" and today my normal grin broke out into a storm of enthusiasm." (Federal Councillor Moritz Leuenberger)

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