



## **Mark Titchner** **Arts Award Fact Sheet**



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<https://www.hatdistrict.co.uk/news-events-hat-district-luton>

Mark Titchner was born in Luton (born 1973) and grew up in the Dunstable. He is an English artist, he now lives and works in London.



When he was younger he really liked to copy pages from comic books and from record covers too. He did GCSE and A'level art and then a foundation course where he decided he wanted to do Fine Art Painting as a degree. He went to University at Central St Martins. In 1995, Mark graduated from Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design, London. In 2006, he was nominated for the Turner Prize. .



In his work, Mark uses words and language.

The Tate Gallery described his work as: ... hybrid installations furthered his exploration into systems of belief. Working across a wide range of media, including light boxes and extraordinary hand-carved contraptions, his work continues to interweave a vast array of references from heavy metal lyrics to philosophy.

A lot of his art work has been based in the public realm, meaning it is installed in public places. You can see his work both in the UK (even in Luton!) and internationally. His work is held in the permanent collections of The Arts Council, British Council, South London Gallery, the United Kingdom Government Art Collection and the Tate Gallery.

Mark collaborated with another international from Luton called Jonathon Barnbrook. They created a mural called *This is a promise*, on the Culture Wall opposite the Hat Factory in Luton. This work was commissioned by The Culture Trust, Luton. We wanted a strong message to ask the community of Luton to Participate in the Town's future, so Mark and Jonathon created the work using the statement "The Future Demands your Participation."



To find out more and find some of your own answers by watching the videos of Mark speaking and answering the following questions on our website:

- 1) How did you become an artist?
- 2) Why did you want to become an artist?
- 3) What is your chosen art form?
- 4) Do you sell your work?
- 5) Who is your favourite artist?