

MARK WAGNER

GRADUATED FROM EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1989

After graduating from Edgar High School in 1989, Mark went on to school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Since graduation, Mark has pursued his career and continued down his creative path becoming an independent artist, writer and publisher. His work can be seen on his website, markwagnerinc.com.

Mark is best known for his intricate collages made entirely from deconstructed US dollars, such as the portrait of Federal Reserve Bank Chairman Ben Bernanke. This portrait is composed exclusively of one-dollar bills and is featured in the collection of the Smithsonian Institution's National Portrait Gallery. He is co-founder of The Brooklyn Artist Alliance and has published over twenty artists' books with Bird Brain Press and X-ing Books.

Mark's artwork is an entry point to a conversation extending far beyond the art world. Decades dedicated to destroying banknotes has provided Wagner with a unique perspective on the nature of money. Wagner addresses this in his writing, lectures, and interviews, and most notably, through his artwork.

Many museums and institutions have collected Mark's work, including the Museum of Modern Art, the US Federal Reserve Board, and the Smithsonian Institution. It has been shown extensively including at The Metropolitan Museum, The Getty Research Institute, and National Portrait Gallery. It has also been seen in numerous magazines, including Time, Newsweek, Harpers, and Art in America as well as on CBS, PBS, and the silver screen.

Mark resides in Lancaster, Pennsylvania with his wife, Amy and son Henry.