

MAD's IDIOT OF THE ISSUE!

DREW FRIEDMAN FAQs (Fiendishly Antagonizing Questions we asked Drew!)



Q: What is your favorite MAD article that you drew?

A: I really enjoyed "When Other Magazines Resort to Featuring Nude Celebrities on their Covers." (On page 48 of this issue! -Ed.)

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Q: Who do you consider your influences?

A: The Usual Gang of Idiots.

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Q: What is your favorite medium to work in?

A: Watercolor.

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Q: Who is your favorite non-MAD artist?

A: Robert Crumb.

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Q: Who is your favorite non-MAD writer?

A: Bruce J. Friedman, and NOT just because he's my dad.

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Q: If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

A: I'd like my name to be Clyde.

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Q: What actor should play you in a movie about your life?

A: Pigmeat Markham.

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Q: What actress should play your wife?

A: Vivien Leigh.

Q: If you could have dinner with three living or dead people, who would they be?

A: Jesus Christ, Abraham Lincoln and Joey Bishop.

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Q: Whose photo is taped to your dartboard?

A: Alfred E. Neuman.



Even in 1967, Drew was struggling with his talented artist within. His room, circa 1970, attests to his early MADness.

Q: What is your astrological sign?

A: That's really getting too personal.

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Q: We understand years ago you took a course at The School of Visual Arts taught by MAD co-editor Nick Meglin. When you relive the experience, what are the first three words that pop into your head?

A: Nick loves babes.

Q: Have you ever received negative feedback from celebrities you've drawn?

A: Actually, a lot of the celebrities have bought the artwork! Among them are: Al Gore, Kevin Spacey, Elton John and Howard Stern.

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Q: Where did you go to school?

A: North Shore Day School, Glen Cove South School, Clover Drive, Kensington Johnson, Great Neck South, The High School of Music & Art, Baldwin, Boston University and The School of Visual Arts.

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Q: Who's the most famous person you ever met?

A: I met Groucho Marx...three times!

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Q: What is the worst gift you've ever received?

A: My aunt gave me underwear for my birthday when I was a kid, and I screamed and cried.

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Q: What was the last movie you viewed or rented?

A: *The Front* with Woody Allen. It's a film about blacklisted guys, featuring a bunch of blacklisted guys.

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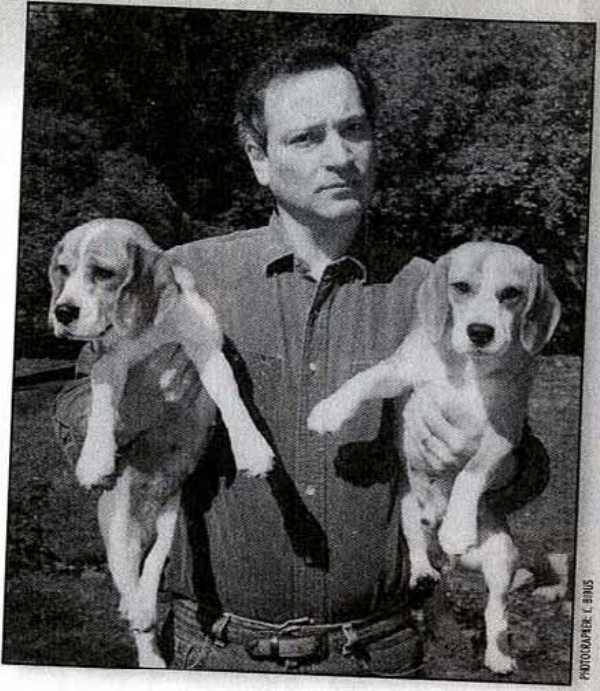
Q: If you were on *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*, who would be your phone-a-friend lifeline?

A: Andrew J. Schwartzberg.



▲ Drew (right) enjoys the musical stylings of cartoonist legend R. Crumb in 1986.

Besides drawing, Drew's second passion in life (at least for a family publication such as this) is raising award-winning Beagles.



- Q:** Who would you not want to be stranded on a desert island with?
- A:** A MAD writer.
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- Q:** Name some other magazines and advertisers you've drawn for.
- A:** *Entertainment Weekly*, *The New York Times*, *TV Guide*, *Time*, *Blab* and *Weirdo*.
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- Q:** What are some of the awards and honors you've received?
- A:** I received the Reuben Award for best Newspaper Illustrator of 2000 from the National Cartoonist's Society.

- Q:** We understand you also raise Beagles. What can you tell us about them?
- A:** They won't grow up to break your heart, like kids do.
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- Q:** Has a Beagle ever eaten one of your jobs close to deadline?
- A:** No, but my wife has.
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- Q:** What is your favorite book?
- A:** It's a tie between Thucydides' *The Peloponnesian War* and *The Kitten and the Noodle*.
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- Q:** Favorite midnight snack?
- A:** I'm in bed by eleven, but if I were awake, I'd be craving Durkee Sauce.

- Q:** If you weren't an artist, what would you be?
- A:** Either a figure skater or an elevator operator.
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- Q:** The biggest misconception about you is...?
- A:** That I prefer Pampers over Huggies.
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- Q:** Liver spots, moles, warts: which is the most fun to draw?
- A:** You're forgetting varicose veins!
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- Q:** What's the strangest thing in your car trunk?
- A:** My Grandmother.



◀ Drew gets in touch with MAD's first editor, Harvey Kurtzman, during a 1985 visit.

THE STATS:

First MAD Article: "Job Opportunities for Presidential Runner-Ups" (MAD #320, July 1993)

Number of MAD Issues Appeared in: 50

Number of MAD Covers Drawn: 3

Number of MAD Articles in This Spotlight Section: 7

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