

# Loppo Martinez



Master engraver, artist, illustrator and this year's Grand Slam for Children artist, Loppo Martinez has had his works displayed in more than 100 shows across the globe in Asia, Europe and North America. Although established locally in Las Vegas, the French-born artist graduated from Superior Art College Estienne in Paris in 1972.

As a master engraver, Loppo created his first etching studio in Paris in 1981 and collaborated to the works of Miro, Chagall, Dali, Tapes, Bernar Venet, Adami and many others. As an illustrator, he brought pages to life for eight children's books with Animalations Publishing as well as a whole collection of new children's books for LCA Publishing. Loppo's international reputation as a designer expanded when he joined Dragone's company as Director of Creation in 2008.

Among many other awards, Loppo earned first prize of the International Art of Montreux, Europe, in 1992, and first prize of the Art Show in Las Vegas, Nevada, in 2003. On the Food Network he won a number of challenges including the Chocolate Runway Challenge (2006), Chocolate Masterpiece Challenge (2008), Chocolate Wonders of the World Challenge (2009) and Locomotion Challenge (2010, The Bike). His works have even been displayed at the highest level of American government as the painting "Lady Liberty" was placed at the White House in 2004.