

Clayton Patterson talks History, Longevity and the Tompkins Square Park Police Riots with

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Today's guest on the show is Clayton Patterson. Clayton is a documentarian, an artist, a historian and staple of the Lower East Side. In this episode we talk about how to survive as an artist, the Clayton Cap, the 80s, the forgotten ones, citizen surveillance, documenting history and the Tompkins Square Park police riots.

This conversation was recorded at the [Clayton Gallery & Outlaw Art Museum](#) in the heart of the Lower East Side.

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## Show Notes

- Clayton Patterson Documentarian, Artist, Historian & Lower East Side Resident
- Clayton Patterson [Website](#)
- Lower East Side
- 161 Essex
- Clayton Camps
- Clayton Archive, Outlaw Art Museum & Gallery
- You have to survive as an artist.
- SoHo in the 80's [How New York's Art Scene In The '80s Made NYC What It Is Today](#)
- [Mr. Chow's NYC 57<sup>th</sup> Street](#)

- [Richard Brown Baker](#)
- [Bowery & Broome](#)
- “The game is always not to work.” Clayton Patterson
- What is the Clayton Cap?
- [Clayton Patterson Brings Back the Clayton Cap With a Little Help From His Friends](#)– Sept. 12, 2016 by daniel maurer
- The cap as a canvas.
- [The Savage Skulls](#)
- [The Garment District, Manhattan](#)
- [Ed Koch](#) former Mayor of New York City from 1978-1989
- Interviewing takes you places you never imagine you’d go.
- “I am art, and what I do is art” Clayton Patterson Quote
- [Latin Kings](#)
- Posses and Crews
- BBB Bruce Street Bad Boys
- [PS20](#) The Anna Silver School
- [Front Door Book](#) by Clayton Patterson
- The art of giving fame.
- You have to say what? P\*ssy (Timestamp 11:05)
- Create community rather create controversy (in today’s terms-Clayton did want no smoke)
- [Street Gangs of The Lower East Side](#) preview by Clayton Patterson
- [Dizzy Gillespie & Harlem](#)
- [Mick Jagger](#)
- [Satin Sinner Nomads Gangs of the East Village: Life as a Satan’s Sinners Nomad](#) by laura edwins and nadja popovich
- [Jose “Cochise” Quiles](#) YouTube Original air date 5-12-16
- [Taji’s Mahal – Satan’s Sinners Nomads’ Cochise](#) (VICE article)
- [Afrika Bambaataa](#)
- [Black Panther Party](#)
- [Arturo Vega](#)
- [Arturo Vega, Ramones Logo Designer, Dead at 65](#)– Graphic artist was a source of support in the band’s early years -by erin coulehan (RollingStone Article-June 10, 2013)
- [Howl Gallery](#)
- [Empire Closing Party The Last Interview Screening of Amon Focus’ Arturo Vega, the Last Interview, 2013](#)
- [Hip Hop Slides and Movies Talk by Wild Style Director Charlie Ahearn with Jane Dickson](#)
- [John Ahearn](#) Artist
- Leading as humans
- Form of magic in the forgotten ones
- The top and the bottom are often similarities
- [Punk](#)
- [Hardcore Punk Bands](#)
- [Hardcore punk](#)
- The responsibility of recording history.
- [Police Riots Tompkins Square Park \(1988\)](#)
- [Documenting the Tompkins Square riot of ’88](#) by clayton patterson (The Villager Article- August 6, 1988)
- [May 1968 events in France](#)
- [Pablo Escobar](#) – Crime Boss
- [John Gotti](#) – Crime Boss
- [Nicky Barnes](#) – Mr. Untouchable
- Don’t antagonize the dog behind the gate.
- “Fame has its assets attached to it.” Clayton Patterson Quote
- [One Percent Motorcycle Club](#)
- [The Long, Vital History of Bystander Recordings](#) by emily raboteau (The New Yorker Article – August 11, 2016)
- [LA2](#) – Artist

- [Keith Haring](#) – Artist
- [Jeffrey Deitch](#)
- [Whitney Museum of Art](#)
- [Jerry Saltz](#) – Art Critic
- “We deserve the truth behind our history.” Clayton Patterson Quote
- [The Radiant Baby](#) by keith haring
- [Barking Dog](#) by keith haring
- [Three Eyed Television](#) by keith haring
- [Keith Haring Political Line Symbols](#)
- [Provenance](#)
- [Museum City of New York](#)
- How can you tell the difference between collaboration between Keith Haring and LA2, or just a LA2 or just a Keith Haring? Class is in session.
- [Picasso Cubism](#)
- [George Braque](#)– Artist
- [Georges Braque and Pablo Picasso](#)
- [How Beyoncé and photographer Tyler Mitchell made history with her Vogue cover](#)– It’s the first time in the magazine’s 126-year existence that a black photographer shot the cover- by alex abad-santos Aug 6, 2018 (Vox Article)
- [Tyler Mitchell](#) – Photographer
- [Tyler Mitchell: 5 Fast Facts You Need to Know](#) | Heavy.com
- [8<sup>th</sup> Street Shul](#)
- [JEWS: A PEOPLE’S HISTORY OF THE LOWER EAST SIDE](#) by Clayton Patterson (book)
- [Mashugana](#)
- TRON Graffiti Artist
- No documentation then it didn’t exist.
- [Troy and Kevin Harris](#)
- “Little Brother is Watching Big Brother” Clayton Patterson
- The Democratization of the News
- [Captured](#) by Clayton Patterson (Traylor)
- The importance of a camera
- Special Guest @CharlesAllBlue (IG)
- [Supreme](#)
- [OverLook](#) designed by Ali the Creator
- [Only The Wise](#) Streetwear brand
- The 7’s on Clayton Patterson’s door
- Worthy questions to ponder
- [New York Nico](#)
- [Overthrow Video](#)
- [Daniel B. Levin](#) Director, Producer, Cinematographer
- [Mark Benjamin](#), Documentary Filmmaker
- Preserving the history and passing it on.
- Showing up and doing it!
- [Agosto Machado](#) Performer (Nightlife Icon Agosto Machado Talks La MaMa, Good Luck and His Anderson Cooper Fantasies by michael musto June 2017 Paper Article)
- The system as always a step ahead.
- What really gentrified downtown NYC?
- [Ai Wewei](#) Artist
- [Spike Lee](#) American Film Director
- The Oprah Effect
- Want to Watch the Episode of [Anthony Bourdain Parts Unknown](#) with Clayton Patterson appearing?
- Here’s the details : ‘Lower East Side (November 11 special extended episode 9pm-10:15pm ET) Bourdain takes a personal journey through this formerly bohemian New York City neighborhood, as he meets, shares meals and reflects with music, film and art trailblazers including Richard Hell, Deborah Harry and Chris Stein, Lydia Lunch, Fab 5 Freddy, Danny Fields, Amos Poe, Jim Jarmusch, Kembra Pfahler, John Lurie, Clayton

Patterson and Harley Flanagan, whose collective cultural impact in the 1970's and '80's has sustained through the decades.'

- The moments of enlightenment and change
- [Clayton Patterson and the History of Tattooing in NYC](#) by taji ameen a Vice Article March 2013
- The desire to documenting and preserving culture
- "The Lower East Side used to represent authenticity." Clayton Patterson Quote
- [Silver Monuments](#) Works Inc.
- [Russ & Daughters](#)
- [Katz's Delicatessen](#)
- [Economy Candy](#)
- [Jim Power](#) aka Mosaic Man
- Tompkins Square Park Riots
- [30th anniversary of Tompkins Square Park riot: 'It was a battle we had to fight'](#) by michael ccotto | August 7, 2018 @2:23 PM Spectrum News NY1 Manhattan
- [Mollen Commission](#)
- [David Dinkins](#) – 106<sup>th</sup> Mayor of New York City
- [William Bratton](#)
- [Michael Bloomberg](#) – 108<sup>th</sup> Mayor of New York City
- The Forgotten Ones
- [The Bowery](#)
- [CBGB](#)
- [The Pyramid Club](#)
- [The Sunshine Theatre](#)
- [Pulp Fiction \\$5 Shake](#)
- The Pop Up Culture
- Always being alert
- [The Everly Brothers](#)
- [The Beattles](#)
- The Wave
- When everyone loves you.
- "Be in it for the love, the experience and the passion" Clayton Patterson Quote