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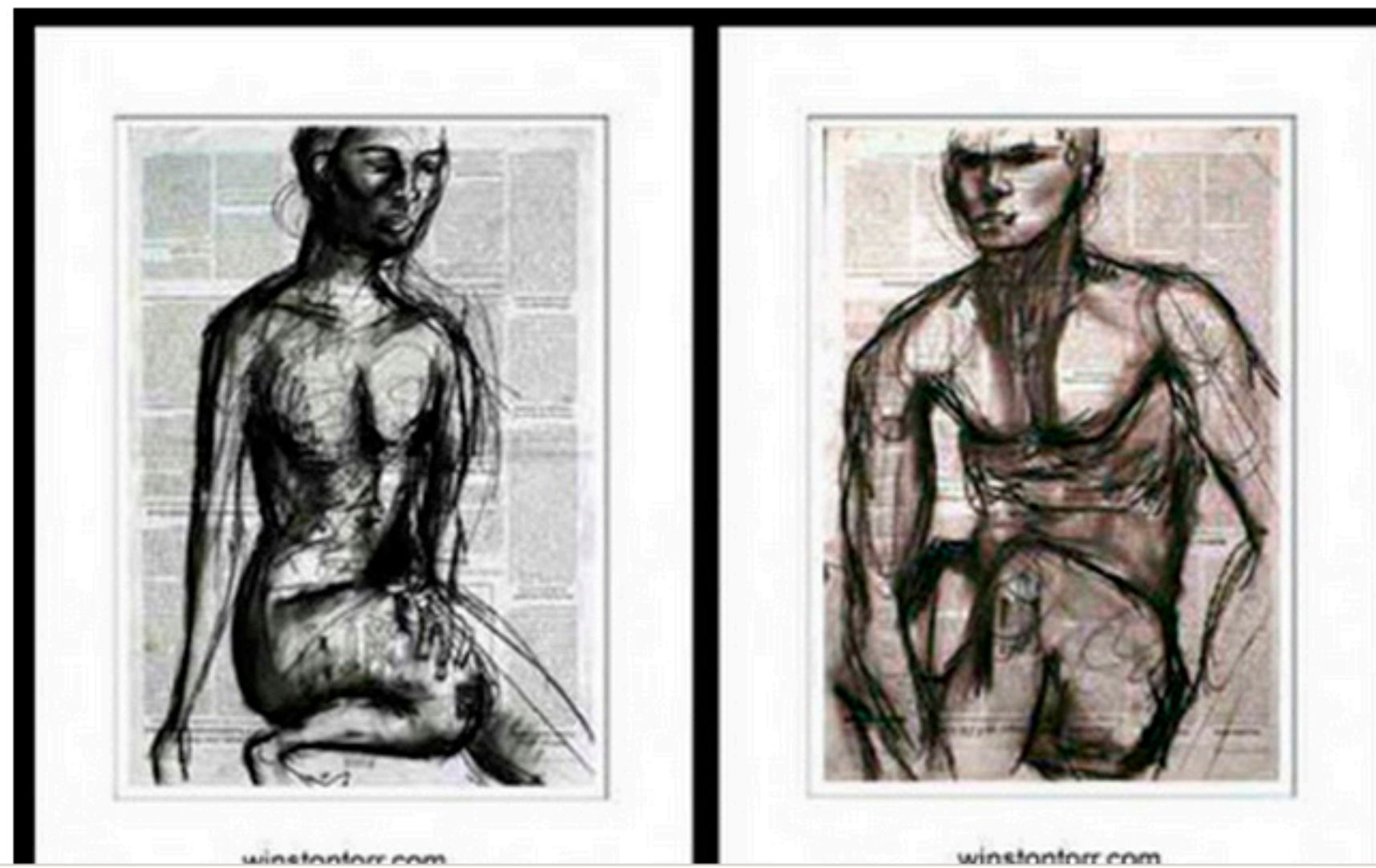


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Winston Torr's charcoal drawings.



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I somehow found my way onto [Winston Torr's website](#) and I'm happy I did. The Canadian born artist lives mostly in Berlin with occasional visits to LA. He draws energetic charcoal portraits on newspaper. In his words:

My body of work deals with the human figure and puts it in relationship with the daily news of a globalized world, utilizing newspapers of various languages that reference my cultural and racial background and the places that I live in and travel to.

By literally making the drawings part of the page, the three-dimensional figures of charcoal and pigment start a dialogue with the mostly two-dimensional space of news items on the page. A dialogue that is both graphical and psychological as my personal and at times intimate experience of drawing the figures becomes part of the news: my news.

Furthermore, the date on every newspaper page places my creative interaction with the depicted person in time and etches it into my personal history.

The technical rawness I like to keep in these pieces are a direct translation of my psychological experience in a day-in-day-out society.

The month of November, he's [doing a self portrait a day](#) which will eventually end up as [a coffee table book](#). Check out [Winston's blog](#) to see further drawings.

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Above is one of his self portraits. Since I found his site about a week ago, I've checked back everyday to see his latest portrait entry. I definitely appreciate the energy and confidence of his charcoal work.

I couldn't resist doing my own drawing of him.



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If you're wondering what one of Winston's self portraits sessions look like--- well, in the second part of this posting you'll get a peak. It's unfortunate to have to put an NSFW warning here, but if you're at work or opposed to seeing a handsome naked man drawing, well that's too bad.



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