



# Nathaniel Mary Quinn

## Split Face

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Challenging the canon of beauty that dominated portraiture until the 19th century, the works of Nathaniel Mary Quinn (Chicago, 1977) follow the path opened by the great artists of the 20th century, including Pablo Picasso and Francis Bacon, freely interpreting the human figure, composition, and balance of forms through a non-academic pictorial language—at times grotesque, almost monstrous, and unsettling.

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