

# An Interview

with artist Robert Blanchon

Anthony: Well, it's why we're here - what is gay art?

Blanchon: I think there is art we think is gay art, and artist's that are gay, but I don't think we need to describe art in those terms. Like if you walk into a gallery you don't respond, "Oh, it's gay art". I think before we start labeling words we need to think about what it is we are describing or defining. Can artwork be gay? I don't know - can artwork dress up in a leather harness at a men's bar? No.

Anthony: But art can be defined as "sexual"?

Blanchon: Can it?

Anthony: It can be sexual in content.

Blanchon: Can it act sexual?

Anthony: Well, it can describe a sexual act.

Blanchon: Right. Describing a sexual act though, is saying something, not being something.

To say or describe is totally different than to be. It's like the difference between art and function.

