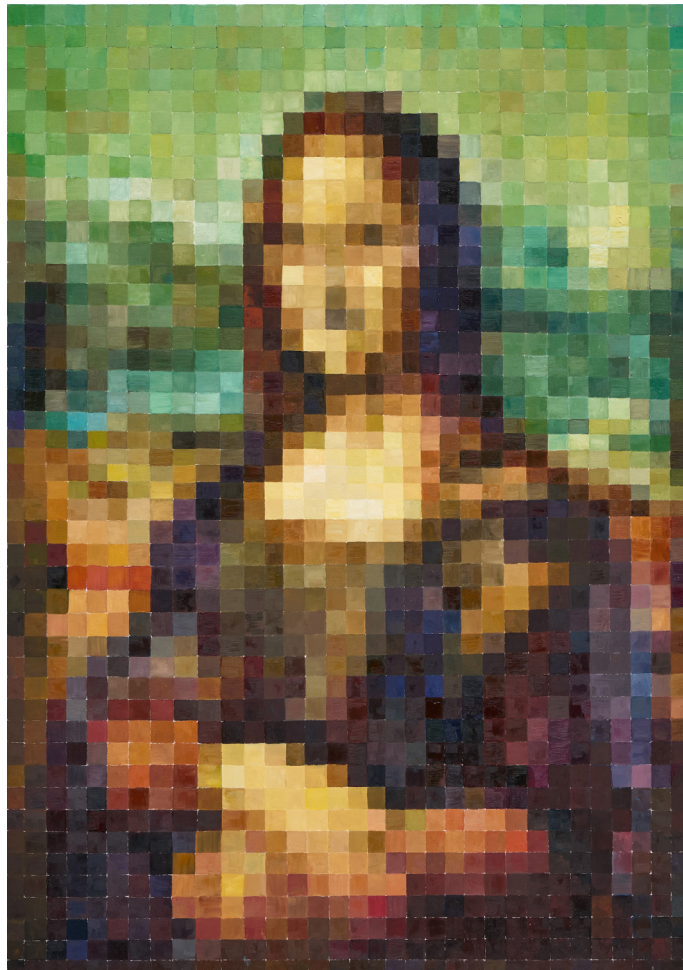




## Gus Van Sant: Mona Lisa

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Gus Van Sant, *Mona Lisa #4*, 2021 © Gus Van Sant. Photo: Flying Studio/courtesy the artist and Vito Schnabel Gallery.

Gus Van Sant is perhaps best known as a director – he won the 1998 Oscar for Best Director for his work on *Good Will Hunting*. But in the 1970s, Van Sant studied painting at the Rhode Island School of Design, and in recent years he's been exhibiting his studio art. Van Sant's first show in Switzerland features several interpretations of Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*. Inspired by LEGO advertisements, Van Sant sees the enigmatic Italian noblewoman through a highly pixelated lens. Rendered in pastel crayon and oil paint, the color schemes range from soft neutrals to metallic silvers and golds.