



Artist's Name:  
**Claes Oldenburg**  
 Art Period/Style:  
**Pop Art**  
 Years Active:  
**1960's - Present**  
 Birthplace:  
**Stockholm, Sweden**  
 Birth/Death Dates:  
**Jan 28, 1929 -**  
**(He is 90 years old.)**

Claes Oldenburg  
 "Soft Baked Potato, Open  
 and Thrown"  
 Canvas, stuffed canvas,  
 zipper  
 1970

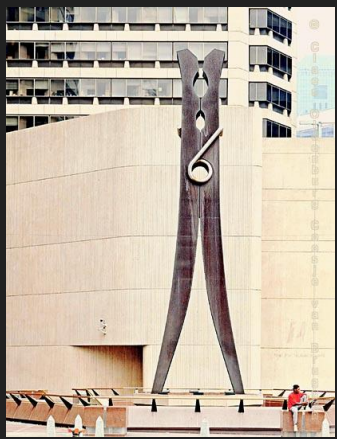
**Soft Sculpture** is a type of  
 sculpture made using non-rigid  
 materials such as cloth, foam,  
 rubber, plastic, paper, or fibers.



Claes Oldenburg  
 "Clothespin" (Philadelphia)  
 Stainless Steel  
 Installed June 25th, 1976

The Clothespin was built  
 to celebrate the USA's  
**Bicentennial (200th)**  
**Anniversary.**

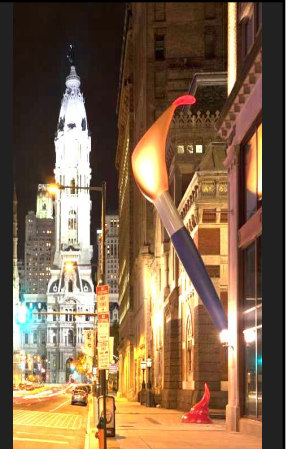
Philadelphia was the  
 nation's capital from  
**1790-1800.**



Claes Oldenburg  
 "Paint Torch"  
 Steel, Plastic  
 Installed August 2011

Many Pop Artists created  
 flat works, focusing on  
 lettering type, and ads.

Oldenburg focuses on  
 recreating everyday  
 objects in FORM. He  
 forces the viewer to  
 examine these **mundane**  
 objects differently.



Claes Oldenburg  
 "Floor Burger"  
 Canvas, stuffed  
 canvas, zipper,  
 1970

Art students protested  
 the purchase of the **Floor**  
**Burger** when it was  
 purchased for \$2,000 in  
 1970 (\$13,200 today.)  
 They said it wasn't "real  
 art."

Floor burger is at the  
 Museum of Modern Art  
 (MoMA) in NYC still  
 today.

