

Man Ray

Dad and surrealist painter and
photographer

Born in Philadelphia in 1890, founder of American Dada, and influential in the Surrealist movement



Man Ray, (whose actual last name was Radnitzky), realized that he was too progressive for America and moved to Paris in 1921



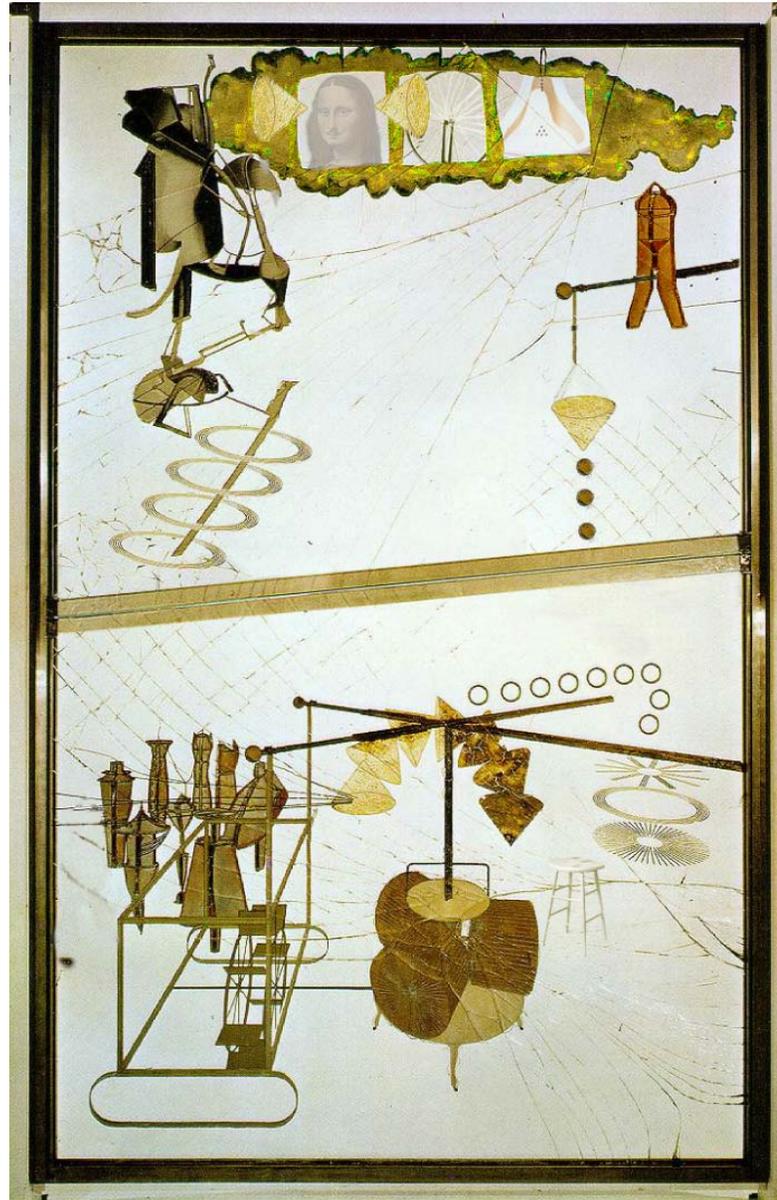
Was a close friend of this guy, Marcel Duchamp



He “made” this, considered one of the most important pieces of art in the last century



“The bride
stripped bare by
her bachelors,
even” 1915-
1923



But what of Mr. Radnitzky, err, Man Ray?

- In Paris he honed his skill as the only Surrealist photographer, combining craft with creativity at a time when photography was still considered “low art”, creating such works as...

Ingres' Violin,
1921





But what he also did is create
“Rayographs” around 1922









Around 1929 he reinvented “solarization”, where a print in the developer is exposed to a brief flash of bright light, giving interesting, but unpredictable results

So here's a sample, but this process will be introduced later...



