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A really nice and still affordable set of cards is that of the art shows at the Psychedelic Solution Gallery in New York City. Run by poster archivist and expert Jacaeber Kastor, it was an influential place, and figured centrally in the 80's resurgence of interest in psychedelic art, graphics, and style.



Psychedelic Solution: Victor Moscoso

The Psychedelic Solution was a pioneer in posters-as-art galleries, and was the principle gallery on the East Coast.

Starting in 1986, there was a run of 23 shows, some with multiple cards. Kastor pioneered a wide variety of alternative art shows, years before these sort of shows (tatoos, blotter acid, hot-rod art, etc.) became fashionable. The last show ended in 1995. The

Psychedelic Solution Gallery closed its doors in late 2004, the end of an era.



Psychedelic Solution: Alton Kelley

Aside from collecting the individual cards, Psychedelic Solution has on occasion made these available as sets. There are three versions of the card sets:

- (1) Article: A purple on yellow label on gray or purple envelopes, a 34 piece set.
- (2) Article: A purple on yellow label on gray or purple envelopes, but a 32 piece set.
- (3) Article: A B&W label on a purple envelope, with 33 pieces.

For the most part, these are 5x7 cards, enabled for mailing. The cards are mostly in color, and include a wide variety of artists, such as Rick Griffin, Wes Wilson, Victor Moscoso, Robert Williams, John Van Hammersveld, Stanley Mouse, Alton Kelley, Lee Conklin, and many others.



Psychedelic Solution: Lee Conklin

This undervalued set is very collectible and still available, the last I checked. I am very happy to have a set in my own collection.