

International And Nationally Known Artists

TONY FITZPATRICK

MEDIUM:Acrylic

Tony Fitzpatrick's work is a mesmerizing blend of technical proficiency and soul. His works are in the collection of the Art Institute of Chicago, MoMA in New York and Miami's Museum of Contemporary Art. A True Renaissance man of the art world, Fitzpatrick is also well-known for his eight years on Chicago radio, his books of poems with accompanying art, cover art for such notables as the Neville Brothers, Lou Reed and Steve Earle and his acting roles in the several major motion pictures.

SCOTT FORTINO

MEDIUM:Photography

Scott Fortino's exacting images explore restricted spaces in public buildings and interior institutional spaces. His photography pushes the viewer to examine how social experiences are controlled and mediated through architectural structures and details. Fortino has recently expanded his focus to views of the city's lakefront and flora. Fortino is the author of the book Institutional.

MARC HARRIS

MEDIUM:Photography

Marc Harris is known throughout the Midwest for his stunning portrait work. He has an uncanny ability to capture the essence of his subjects, particularly the wonderment and innocence of youth.

MARC HAUSER

MEDIUM:Photography

Marc Hauser, is celebrated internationally for his dramatic portrait illustrations and varied list of clients that include Rolling Stone Magazine, Pepsi Co, Ameritech, Arista Records, and Microsoft. He has done album covers for such major acts as John Mellencamp, the Eagles and the Rolling Stones. Hauser has published several books of his photographs, including his latest, Images from Within.

SUZANNE HORWITZ

MEDIUM:Sculpture

Although primarily a figurative sculptor, Suzanne Horwitz has produced a diverse and extensive body of work, from intimate portraits to room sized installations. Her works employ viewer object orientation and social commentary. Her artwork is in the corporate collections of The Options Clearing Corporation in Chicago and Goldman Sachs in New York and numerous private collections.

JOJO BABY

MEDIUM:Dollmaking

Jojo's demeanor, colorful appearance and eye-catching art make him one of Chicago's most visual and visible personalities. Jojo has been in numerous films and television programs about the club scene and he has done costuming work for several major motion pictures, including "Party Monster" in which he appeared. Beginning with his work at Jim Henson Productions, his dollmaking has attracted attention. Jojo's intricate dolls humbly come, startle others and amaze all. He regularly exhibits at the Around the Coyote art shows.

WES KIMLER

MEDIUM:Oil Painting

Wes Kimler has been attracting National and International acclaim since his first Chicago exhibition at the Struve Gallery in Chicago. Kimler is especially known for his colossal paintings, up to 15 ft high and 27 ft wide. He has exhibited in top galleries across the US and he is renowned in the contemporary Chicago art world for his work rallying for a new art scene. Kimler's work is also in the permanent collection of many major institutions around the country including the MCA and MoMa.

ANN MAXWELL WEISBROD

MEDIUM:Mixed Media

Ann Maxwell-Weisbrod is the founder of A Wise Broad Designs. Her whimsical, bright, contemporary pop folk art look and interactive play concepts are a winning combination in toys and functional works that bring artistic, expressive play into everyday life by providing creative, enlightening, nonjudgmental spaces where everyone can experience success as a visual artist.

JUDY NATAL

MEDIUM:Photography

Judy Natal's works are in the permanent collections of museums in Europe, South America, and several major US cities. She is professor of photography at Chicago's Columbia College. Judy is also due a special thanks for producing the source

artwork that was used to promote tonight's event including the backdrop of Eye Want's current window display: "Wizards of Eyes: Lions, Eyewear, and Art- Oh My!"

BRENT RILEY

MEDIUM:Silverpoint

Brent Riley has been a featured artist at Chicago's Aaron Packer Gallery for over a dozen years, and his works have also exhibited in New York and Los Angeles. His piece for the Wizards Auction is one of his first forays into the medium of silverpoint, in which a pointed and polished silver wire is used to draw upon a prepared surface, in this case, a paint chip sample from Home Depot.

BRUCE RILEY

MEDIUM:Acrylic

Mary of Bruce's works explore repetition as a sacred activity through the use of patterning while others investigate a more spontaneous form of cognition. His works invite the viewer into the focused moment of creation of the work itself. His blank canvas is a state of purity that is pregnant with possible meanings, feelings and emotions and his finished painting represents a journey of entropic time.

ADAM SIEGEL

MEDIUM:Photography

Adam Siegel has exhibited in top galleries in New York and Chicago, including the MCA. His striking abstract works evoke powerful emotions. His works strive to balance oppositional energies such as the artifice of creating art that defies nature's processes. Siegel's studio is in Wicker Park's Flat Iron Arts building.

CALVIN STRONG

MEDIUM:Copper/Bronze/Steel

Calvin Strong works metals into primitive presentations of futuristic polymorphisms. His work has always been self-directed, building on his natural gifts of tools and vision, through which he masters dimension and scale. Strong's works are featured in major private collections throughout the country.

SHANE SWANK

MEDIUM:Acrylic

Shane Swank's notorious appearance as a subversive clown have made him a legend in the underground art scene. Much of his artwork is inspired by the "pop art" and graphic novel genres. He has exhibited at numerous Around the Coyote Arts Festivals. His latest project is a pastiche of biblical images. Shane was also the first customer to patronize Eye Want over ten years ago.

PAUL TAMANIAN

MEDIUM:Oil on Aluminum

Often called "Tamaniac," his fondness for all-over patterning recalls both the splattered color of abstract expressionism and the reductive stages of printmaking. The result is labor intense visual poetry that carries a distinctly contemporary flavor. His work for the Wizards Auction was exhibited at SOFA 2006 held at Chicago's Navy Pier.

BRAD TEMKIN

MEDIUM:Photography

Brad Temkin's photography has ranged from cover art for LPs and magazines in his early career to landscape and portraiture in recent years. Temkin's work in the permanent collections of many major institutions nationwide including the Art Institute of Chicago. He is professor of photography at Chicago's Columbia College, and recently published Private Places: Photography of Chicago Gardens.

SAREN THORNE-HAUSER

MEDIUM:3D work/found objects

Saren Thorne-Hauser's sculpture focuses on the interplay of her primary drives, often revealing intriguing tensions by combining firm substrates with sheer and delicate surface materials. What at first appears fragile and delicate is revealed to be strong, defying preconceived expectations and enchanting the viewer with discovery of the unexpected.

SCOTT URBAN

MEDIUM:Carved Wood

Scott Urban is the master craftsman who creates Urban Spectacles of Wood. Scott's meticulous attention to detail shows in his use of the most eccentric and durable hardwoods. Each pair of eyeglasses is fully customized to meet the specific desires of the wearer. The possibilities for self expression are nearly as limitless as the imagination.

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NANCY DEAL

MEDIUM:Jewelry

Nancy Deal forges, forms and hand fabricates sheet metals, primarily sterling silver, to make jewelry pieces that are bold and modern with an interactive component. She often takes inspiration from functional objects such as tools and scientific instruments. Such objects challenge her to create jewelry with unexpected capacities.

KAREN GAGICH

MEDIUM:Paint on Ceramic

Karen Gagich's bold neo-cubist painting style expresses the essence of the subject with the ephemera tripped away. She uses rich colors to grab the eye of the viewer and make a direct connection but leaves distance for an open interpretation.

GREGO

MEDIUM:Mixed Media/Light/Bure

Grego is focused on trying to invoke energy and moods through art. By melding color, texture, power, light and strong focal points, he creates engaging mixed-media pieces. By day Grego is an award-winning print and web graphic designer, and creative force behind Grego Design + NeMedia.

ROBERT JOHNSON

MEDIUM:Clay

Robert Johnson is a fixture of the Wicker Park art scene. He has exhibited for many years in the Around the Coyote Arts festivals. He is particularly known for his skill in depicting the human form.

RICHARD JUN, O.D.

MEDIUM:Mixed Media

Richard Jun is an optometrist with an art degree who aspires to be a superhero. While earning his optometry degree at SUNY, Rich continued to make art in the margins of his notebooks, and occasionally did privately-commissioned works. He currently resides in Queens, NY where he is a resident in vision therapy and rehabilitation at SUNY College of Optometry.

RANDI LADDEN

MEDIUM:Collage

Randi Ladden is a gifted illustrator of medical and anatomical textbooks. Her work has appeared in periodicals, on movie posters and on billboards world-wide. She takes inspiration from anatomical illustrations, star charts, maps, antique photographs, old paper ephemera and even junk shop finds.

BETH LAURIN

MEDIUM:Watercolor

Beth Laurin exhibits around the Midwest. Sometimes adding mixed media to represent the many layers of complexity in our modern lives, most of her work is based on watercolors that integrate physical and spiritual journeys with the temporal juxtaposition of a fixed past with a future of possibilities.

ANNETTE E. SOLLARS

MEDIUM:Ceramic Tile Mosaic

Annett Sollars is the owner of Eye Want and the creator of the Wizards of Eyes Charity Auction. She has worked in the field of eye care and opticianry for more than twenty years, and her creative animus is evident everywhere in Eye Want.

DAN TEPPER, M.D.

MEDIUM:Acrylic

Chicago native Dan Tepper is the founder of Lotus Eyecare. Dr Tepper takes a holistic approach to the practice of medicine, approaching the patient as a human being, rather than a disintegrated series of biological systems. His artistic avocation, painting focuses on earthly detail while satisfying the more spiritual side of the viewer.

MELISSA ZAPPA

MEDIUM:Mixed Media

Melissa Zappa is presently studying for the opticianry license exam. She is also known for her charity work with the Girls of Metal organization. Her subversive sensibility comes through in her work for the Wizards Auction.

The fun starts at 6:30pm!
Silent Auction Winners will
be announced from 8:30 to 9:30.

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