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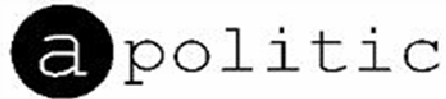
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Present:



A Non-partisan Exhibition that Explores Notions of Politics through Art
Featuring Special Guerilla Guest Artist: Ron English

Press Preview + Artist Salon: Wednesday, July 2, 2008, 6–9pm

Opening Event: Friday, July 4, 2008, 2-6pm

Film Screening: Friday, July 25, 8:30pm

Open For Public View: July 4 – August 16, 2008

Boston, MA, June 25, 2008 - Kicking off on Independence Day, **a politic** will showcase politically-inspired artwork from 40 premiere US artists (named below) representing 16 states from across the country. The diverse subject matter in this juried exhibition conjures up themes relating to the economy, war, notions of freedom, the environment, media ethics, capitalism, terrorism and many more topical issues, presented in a myriad of masterful art making traditions.

The preview event and artist salon will take place on Wednesday, July 2nd – the day our forefathers signed the American Declaration of Independence. The festivities feature an outdoor installation of a billboard-sized piece by the nation's ultimate "culture-jammer", **Ron English** (www.popaganda.com). English is famous worldwide, and for nearly 30 years, pirating billboards with his signature brand of tongue-in-cheek, politically charged fine art "subvertisements".

The public opening will take place on Friday, July 4th from 2-6pm: the ceremonial unveiling of **a politic**, complete with performance, installation and documentary filming by JetSet Grafitti, live music, and multi-media performances. In a democratic twist, the gallery will install voting booths for the public to decide their favorite winning top 5 artists. Awards will be given by the Curators and sponsors; award recipients will all be featured as **a politic 2008** continues into the Fall. All online finalists will have their images featured in a video piece during the exhibition.

Images of exhibitors and online finalists are also included in the www.reflect-arts.com virtual gallery.

A film screening will take place at Gallery XIV on Friday, July 25 at 8:30 pm, featuring Pedro Caravajal's '**POPaganda: The Art and Crimes of Ron English**', and shorts by Mark Adelman: 'Regard Your Soldiers As Your Children', Alan Bigelow: 'When I Was President', Tim Geers: 'Eleanor' and 'Elusion', and REVOLT2DIE: 'I Have Your BILL\$'.

Curators:

- William Kerr, Owner and Creative Director, Gallery XIV; Gallery XIV aims to revolutionize the cultural and art scene in Boston. Specializing in presenting and selling the most well crafted contemporary works of fine and conceptual art; the gallery has featured such respected talents as Chris Hauck, Marcus Jansen, Michael Costello, and Ron English.
- Juliette Pelletier, Founder and Director of Reflect-arts, Inc. Based in New York City, Reflect-arts, founded in 2005, is dedicated to creating unique events that offer independent artists and performers opportunities to showcase their talents to audiences around the world. To date, Reflect-arts has exhibited and give exposure to over 150 artists.
- Kaveh Mojtabai, Founder and Publisher of artscope magazine. Artscope is New England's foremost arts and culture magazine – entertaining, and increasing the artistic awareness of over 100,000 monthly readers through high quality content both in full-color print and online.

a.politic 2008 EXHIBITING ARTISTS:

Marc Adelman - San Francisco, CA
Stephen Anderson - Santa Ana, CA
Randall Armor - Watertown, MA
Stephen Barnwell - New York, NY
Alan Bigelow - Buffalo, NY
Charles Caldemeyer - Mansfield, OH
Michael Costello - Boston, MA
Nancy Crasco - Brighton, MA
Francois X. De Costerd - Charlestown, MA
Sarah Dillon - Seattle, WA
Ron English - Jersey City, NJ
Bonnie Epstein - New York, NY
Scott Finch - Baton Rouge, LA

Debra Friedkin - Sleepy Hollow, NY
Tim Geers - Westwood, MA
Raul Gonzalez - Boston, MA
Adam Gray & Sam Fuchs - Venice, CA
Daniel Hauben - Bronx, NY
Christopher Hauck - Atlanta, GA
Monica Malewska - Huntingdon, PA
Daniel Mather - New York, NY
Elsa Mickelsen - Encinitas, CA
Karen Moss - Brookline, MA
Isabella Natale - New York, NY
Janusz Obst - Glenwood Springs, CO
Palo Pallas - Birmingham, AL

REVOLT2DIE - Boston, MA
Jami Nix Rahn - Weston, FL
Remedios Rapoport - Portland, OR
Joan Ryan - East Boston, MA
Sunny Scarlett - Brooklyn, NY
Salvatore Schiciano - Toledo, OH
Tanya Spolans - Ft. Worth, TX
The Miracle Five - Boston, MA
Bob Tomolillo - Lynn, MA
Thomas Watkiss - Boston, MA
Margi Weir - Placitas, NM
Joseph Woolfolk - Las Vegas, NV
Maxine Yalovitz-Blankenship - Waban, MA

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