

# Stranger Factory

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Stranger Factory art space is proud to present “Late Season” a two-person exhibition by Ohio artists Chris Ryniak and Amanda Louise Spayd. Both artists explore the ideas behind the rooted transition and personification of harvest time, including the melancholy of the ultimate expiration of rot and decay.

Chris Ryniak was born in 1976 in the suburbs of Detroit. He spent his childhood basking in the warm glow of Saturday morning cartoons and flipping over rocks in search of insects, reptiles and ghosts. A sculptor and painter of all manner of critters, he has exhibited in galleries and museums throughout the world. His paintings have also been published in numerous books and periodicals in the US as well as in Europe and Singapore. Chris is also a toy-designer and sculptor of numerous instantly sold-out editions of designer art toys and figures.

Amanda Louise Spayd’s mixed-media work combines the textures and colors of antique domestic objects, the natural world, and an obsessive attention to detail. At once endearing and unsettling, her fabric creatures evoke ideas of cast-off children's toys and ill-conceived taxidermy experiments with repurposed human teeth.

Because of their aged, antique appearance, one is left to wonder about the origin, past experiences, and past lives of these creatures. Do they look like this because they were abandoned, or because they were literally loved to pieces? The idea of an unknown past story, combined with the possibilities of their future, is a central theme of her work.

Her work is highly sought after by collectors around the globe, and she has exhibited her work in galleries, boutiques, and conventions across the United States.

The exhibition opens November 18th with a reception from 6-9pm.

The Stranger Factory brings a fresh perspective to the American art + design scene, connecting world class artists from the Pop Surrealist and Lowbrow movements to New Mexico. Dedicated to providing aspiring art collectors the opportunity to begin their collections with original artworks and limited edition releases at affordable prices, Stranger Factory is not only a collaborative effort among the artists...but between the space and its patrons as well.

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Hours of operation:

Monday-Thursday 11am-6pm

Friday 11-7pm

Saturday 10-7pm

Sunday 11-5pm

& by Appointment

Late Season

November 18<sup>th</sup> - December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Opening Reception Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm

(both artists will be in attendance)





