



**STRANGER FACTORY PRESENTS "DEAD WOOD"
EXHIBITION BY GARY HAM**



Stranger Factory is thrilled to announce "Dead Wood", the upcoming solo exhibition by artist and illustrator Gary Ham. Gary's "Hermees" and "Fonzo" designs have become instant favorites among

collectors, and his recent "Wooper Looper" vinyl toy was one of the most talked-about releases at the 2012 San Diego Comic Con. Now he brings his talent to Stranger Factory with a small exhibition inspired by his love of Halloween and fear of scary trees.

Dead Wood will feature some new incarnations of some older characters, as well as the first vinyl release of the Monster Toytem, first seen at Stranger Factory's 2011 Winter Salon show as a one-off custom wooden piece. According to Gary: "I have also been experimenting lately with pyrography on wood and will have some pieces on hand. The show is largely wood based, but I do have a few other mediums up my sleeve."



The exhibition will also mark the release of the Stranger Factory Exclusive version of Gary's Wooper Looper sofubi toy, in vintage Halloween colors! Limited to only 35 pieces, this Vintage Halloween Wooper Looper will only be available at Stranger Factory.

Dead Wood will open at Stranger Factory on Friday, October 5th, with an opening reception from 6 PM - 9 PM. The opening reception will coincide with the opening of "Bewitching II", the Stranger Factory's second annual Halloween group exhibition.

[Stranger Factory is located at 109 Carlisle Blvd NE](#), in Albuquerque's historic Nob Hill neighborhood at the corner of Carlisle and Central.



About [Gary Ham](#): With a deft hand and a keen eye for character, Gary Ham is quickly establishing himself as a unique voice in the pop and toy art world. His characters and illustrations evoke a bold, 1960s animation style of delivery while still maintaining a modern sensibility. His ability to present the appeal of nostalgia without relying on the past is uncanny, and fine art collectors are just as eager to snap up his work as toy collectors. Gary has handled illustration, character and toy design, and special effects work for companies such as Fox Animation, MTV, McDonalds, Ubisoft, Maxim, and more. He lives in Arizona with his wife, Jinju, and spends his free time losing at tug of war with his golden retriever and being mistaken for his twin brother, Greg.

About [Stranger Factory](#): A unique, highly-visible gallery located in Nob Hill just off the historically famous Route 66 (Central Ave) in the heart of Albuquerque, NM, Stranger Factory is dedicated to bringing a new style of art to the area.

With their worldwide network of talent, Stranger Factory brings many incredible names in the post modern, pop surrealist and “lowbrow” art community to Albuquerque for the first time and also offers aspiring art collectors the opportunity to begin their collections with original works and editioned releases at affordable prices. The gallery is the official flagship retail outlet for all Circus Posterus goods, including original artwork, limited edition prints, art volumes, sculptural editions, apparel, as well as other gifts, novelties, designer toys, and curious objects of beauty and wonder!

About [Circus Posterus](#): Circus Posterus began in 2000 as a small collective of fine artists, illustrators, gallery curators and collaborators working together to create exhibitions and art projects utilizing the diverse backgrounds of each of its members. The group officially evolved into an established company in 2007 by original founders Kathie Olivas and Brandt Peters.

The internationally-recognized fine artist couple dedicated their diversified backgrounds in original artworks, toy design, printmaking, packaging, marketing, brand management, licensing and art event creation in order to create specialty products that allow other artists the time and motivation to expand their own markets.