

# Stranger Factory

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Stranger Factory art space is proud to present “CIRCUS: FOLKE” a two-person exhibition by West Coast based “Artist Sisters” - Miss Mindy and Candace (CJ) Metzger. Both artists explore a subject the sisters adore... Circus: Folke explores the moods, feelings and décor of our favorite pastime... all things ‘Circus’ combining their love of character and story with their own taste for design, fluidity & style.

California based Miss Mindy was born from a family of artists and designers. Always surrounded by creativity, her biggest inspiration was her grandmother, who worked as an ink and paint girl at Disney in the ‘30s during the depression era. Miss Mindy has been working as a professional artist for years, from painting commissions for private collectors to curating and participating in numerous gallery shows around the world showcasing her art from paintings to sculptures. Recently, Mindy’s efforts have involved art directing her own cartoon with Nickelodeon Animation and design for studios like Warner Brothers, & Wildbrain Animation. Her artwork is sought after by collectors far and wide, from film industry professionals, to burlesque performers & circus carnies.

Miss Mindy has also written and illustrated two books with Baby Tattoo Books Publishing, and a children's book set with her sister CJ Metzger. As a pair, the sister's have showcased their work at across galleries and art events across the US.

Candace (or CJ) Metzger is a hyper-talented painter, illustrator, writer and designer working in Los Angeles area. Her paintings are narrative, often revealing sweet, wondrous and sometimes somber stories of humans and their relationships with animals and the natural environment. To illustrate these stories, she uses acrylics, collage, mixed media, and digital methods, blending surreal and whimsical imagery in a highly delicious and alluring way. The daughter of an artist/educator and an aerospace engineer, and the granddaughter to artists/designers, CJ began creating art out of an uncontrollable need to communicate years and generations worth of visual energy. Her exhibition history began 8 years ago, with her artist sister (Miss Mindy) when they combined forces to bring their "pop-surrealism" or "urban folk art" genre of art to the art to the public eye.

Metzger working as a fine artist, illustrator and graphic designer has given her the opportunity create art for Neiman Marcus, Hot Topic, Fred Eric, Hard Rock Café, Baby Tattoo Books, Mindstyle, and the Los Angeles Times.

The exhibition opens February 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Circus: Folke

February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Opening Reception Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6-9pm

(Both artists will be in attendance)

#### WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA:

Miss Mindy:

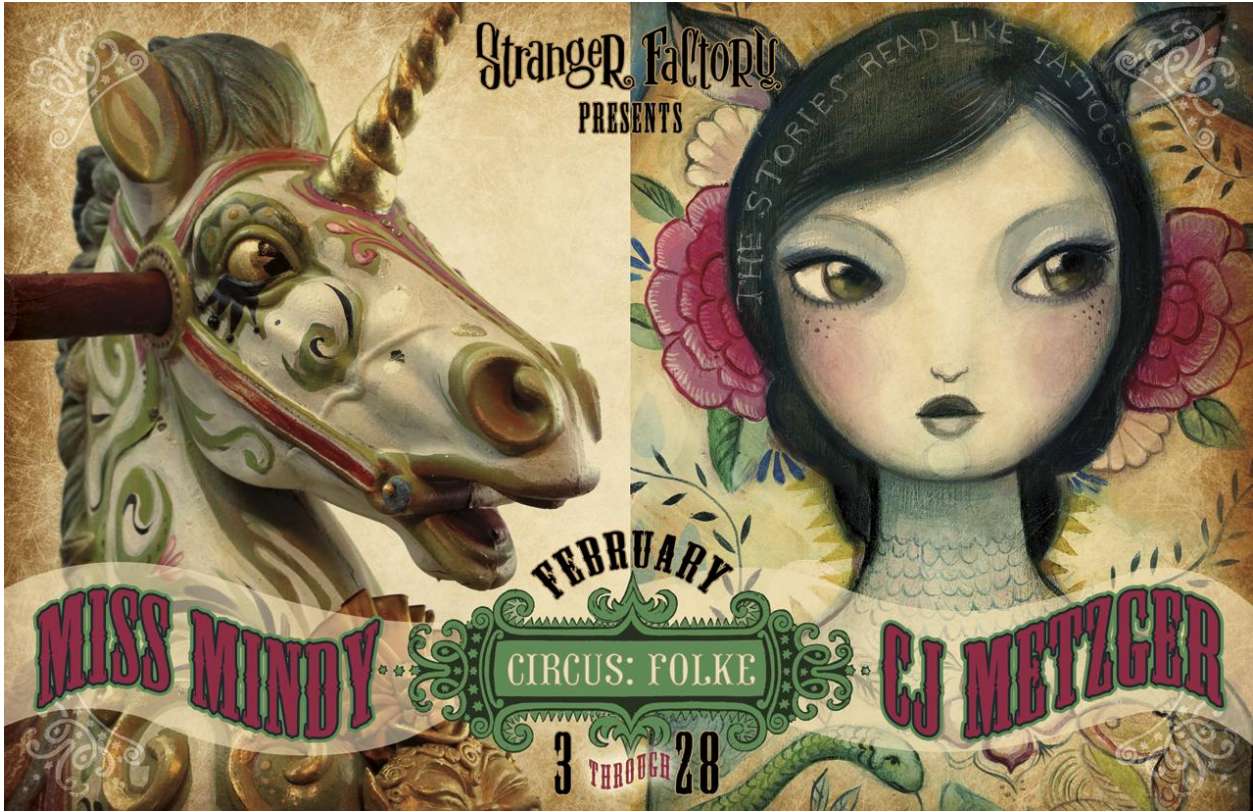
[www.missmindy.com](http://www.missmindy.com)

CJ Metzger

[www.cjmetzger.com](http://www.cjmetzger.com)

ARTIST SISTERS

[www.artistsisters.com](http://www.artistsisters.com)



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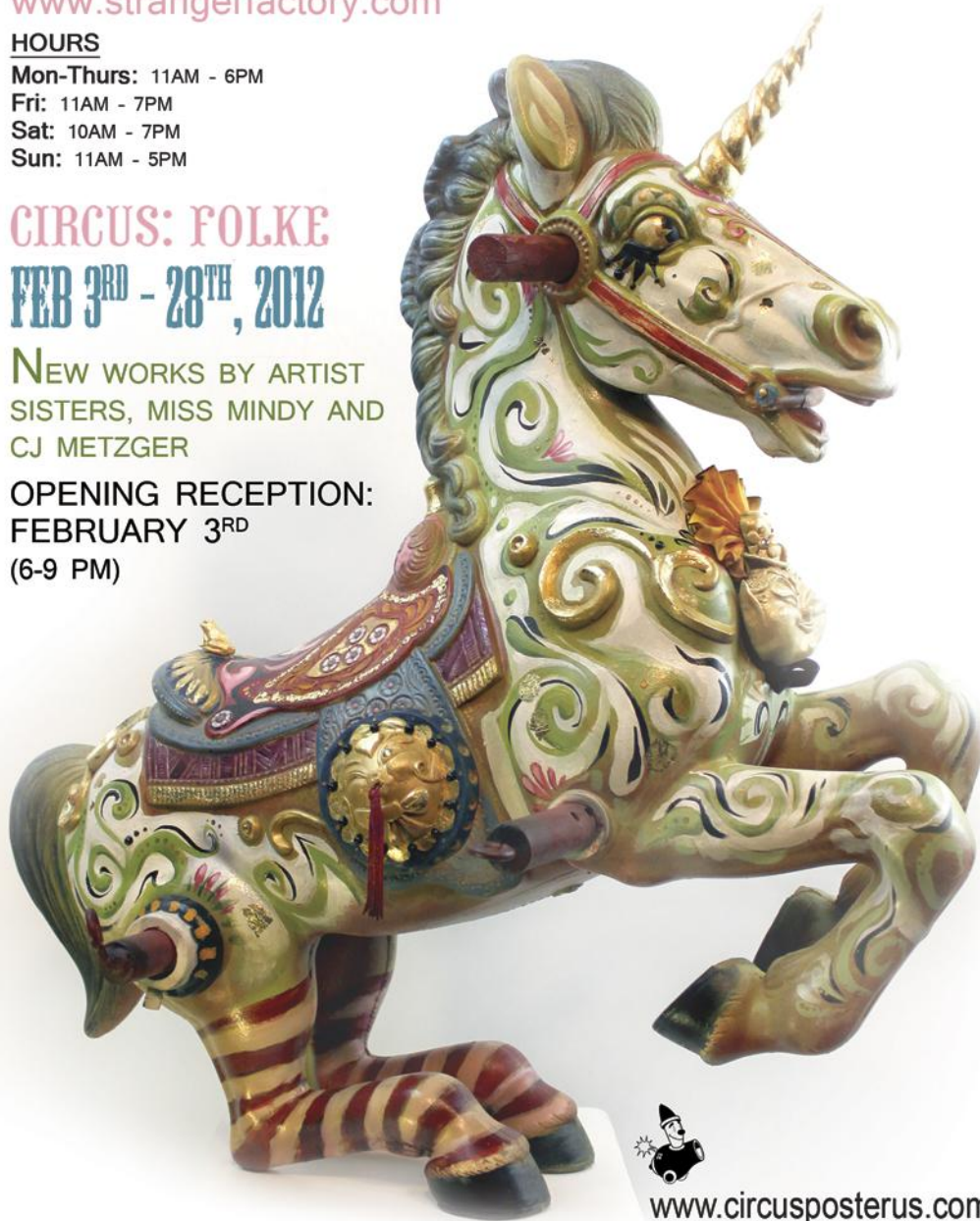
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