

## **Bewitching II**

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STRANGER FACTORY ANNOUNCES "BEWITCHING II", 2ND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN ART SHOW

<u>Stranger Factory</u> is excited to announce the line-up for "Bewitching II", the gallery's second annual Halloween-themed group art show! Owners <u>Brandt Peters</u> & <u>Kathie Olivas</u>have long drawn inspiration in their own work from their love of Halloween...the candy, the monsters, and the gloriously cheap plastic toys and costumes they treasured as children. It's with this in mind that they have asked more than thirty of their friends and peers to create new works to celebrate their shared love of Halloween.

The roster of internationally acclaimed artists contributing to the show includes such lowbrow luminaries as Jason Limon, <u>Joel Nakamura</u>, <u>Andrew Bell</u>, <u>Ragnar</u>, Gris Grimly, <u>Chris Ryniak</u>, <u>Ferg</u>, Sean Mahan, Shigeta Tanaka, <u>Amanda Louise Spayd</u>, and many more! Artworks will range from paintings to sculptures to mixed media of all kinds, with a range of prices suitable for all collectors.

Bewitching II 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 a solo exhibition by Arizona pop artist and illustrator Gary Ham entitled "Dead Wood", as well as the release of an exclusive colorway of Gary's "Wooper Looper" vinyl art toy.

Stranger Factory is located at <u>109 Carlisle Blvd NE</u>, in Albuquerque's historic Nob Hill neighborhood at the corner of Carlisle and Central.

**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.