

Stranger Factory

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Stranger Factory art space is proud to present its April 2012 exhibition:

Andrew Bell & Kelly Denato: *The Great Escape*

April 6th – 30th, 2012

Opening Reception: Friday, April 6th, 6-9pm

Artists will be in attendance

The debilitating feeling of heartbreak; the self-destructive spiral of past emotions and memories; the overwhelming feeling of social suffocation -- they're the less gracious experiences in life that we all inevitably encounter and Andrew Bell and Kelly Denato bring them to the fore in *The Great Escape* – an exhibition of new drawings, paintings and sculptures from the Brooklyn-based artists.

Combining tragic humor and delicate elegance, the artists wade the terrain of a new reality: a reality of pushing forward after shedding the skin of a previous life – be it a love left behind or old fears and insecurities now put to rest.

Many creatures in nature possess innate defense mechanisms - poison, quills, ink, spots, stripes, white winter coats. People on the other hand must create them. Oftentimes it's not a predator we are trying to evade but ourselves; we are bundles of electricity, blood, and spirit - constantly moving, feeling, thinking, sweating, breathing. Our bodies are both containment and confinement. The circumstances that keep us contained, confined, and safe are as thin and delicate as ribbons. – Kelly Denato

Andrew Bell was born in England in 1978. His family moved several times until settling into the eastern US in the mid 1980s. He has lived and worked in New York since 1996.

Andrew's work spans a wide spectrum of mediums from illustrations and paintings to toys and sculptures. Much of his work is brought together by a sense of humor that often belies a more serious and sombre message.

His work has been featured in solo and group gallery shows from LA to Paris and has been covered by publications such as *The New York Times* and *Wired*.

Website and social media : www.creaturesinmyhead.com | @deadzebra

Kelly Denato is a painter, illustrator and sculptor from New York. Her talents have lent themselves to

numerous projects involving character animation, motion graphics, character and background designs, album artwork, plush toys, comics, and children's books.

A master of conveying elegance and charisma through simple line drawings and the rich, earthy palette of her paintings, Kelly has exhibited all over the US. She lives in Brooklyn with a closet full of ghosts and a tragically non-existent dog.

Website and social media: www.kdenato.com | @NoPunchBacks

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: 11am - 7pm

Saturday: 11am - 7pm

Sunday: 11am - 5pm

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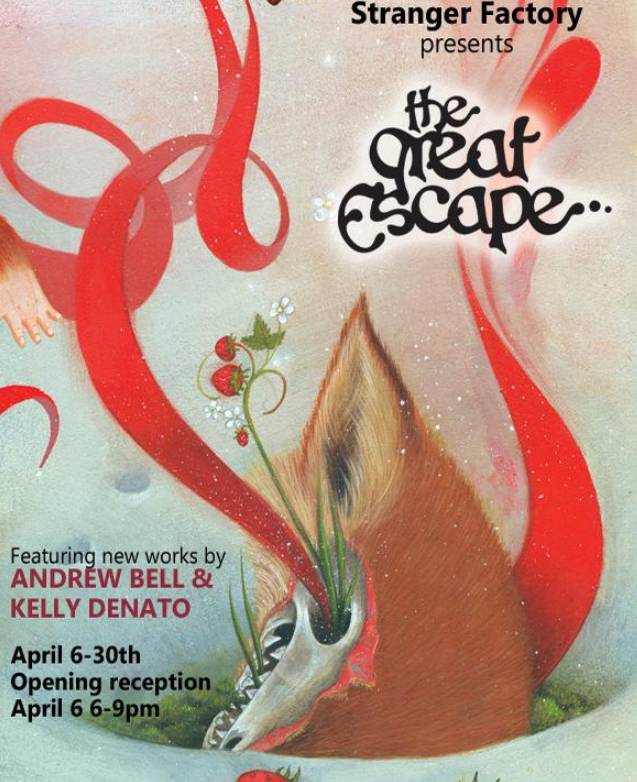


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