

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

Ragnar & Scott Tolleson: The Missing Elements

May  $4^{th} - 27^{th}$ , 2012

Opening Reception: Friday, May 4th, 6-9pm

Artists will be in attendance

Experience a blast from the past with *The Missing Elements*, an exhibition of new 2D works from retro illustrators Brandon Ragnar Johnson and Scott Tolleson. Renowned for their distinct characters and variegated palette, the artists are taking their work to new grounds: simultaneously redefining and expanding their styles to showcase their diverse backgrounds in advertising, animation and character design.

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Illustrator **Brandon Ragnar Johnson** grew up under the sweltering sun and bright lights of Las Vegas. From there it was stints in Japan, Taiwan, Mexico and Hollywood before settling in Southern California with his wife and two children. He now works in advertising and as an animation development artist for Disney, MTV, Nickelodeon and other studios. Prints of Ragnar's illustrations of women and monsters, women and chimps, and women and women can be found in galleries, fine retail establishments and online.

Website and social media: www.ragnarama.com | @BrandonRagnar

**Scott Tolleson** was born and raised in Atlanta, GA. At the age of 16, he moved to the West Coast. To put it simply, Scott is a toy junkie. He's obsessed with collecting, designing, and creating toys. He draws inspiration from pop culture, comic books, his family and toys from his childhood. Scott prefers to elicit a sense of child-like wonder and nostalgia in his artwork while occasionally sneaking in a creepy element or two. He works in many mediums from traditional paint and graphite to digital and sculpture. He has self-produced numerous designer toys and works for the Walt Disney Company. He currently resides in Los Angeles with his wife and daughter.

Website and social media: www.stolleart.com | @MrScottTolleson

**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



