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Ohio Art League Member Curated Exhibition

Nocera+Reno: A Print Show

June 20, 2014 – COLUMBUS, OHIO – Ohio Art League has partnered with Rivet to bring the Member Curated Exhibition, "Nocera+Reno: A Print Show," to the public in July. Artists Nicholas Nocera and Clinton Reno have created new works inspired by the music they love. Each piece is intended to evoke a song, album, lyric or other musical element. "This theme is a natural fit for these artists, as music has served as inspiration for much of their past work," commented Bob Amos, who is serving as the OAL member curator for the exhibition.

"Nocera+Reno: A Print Show" opens July 5, 2014 at Rivet, 1200 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43201, 614-294-8697. Rivet hours of operation are Tuesday–Saturday noon–7:00pm, Gallery Hop Saturdays noon–11:00pm, Sunday noon–5:00pm.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception at no charge on Saturday, July 5 from 7:00–10:00 p.m.

About the Artist: Clinton Reno

Clinton Reno blurs the line between the nicest guy in the world and a hot-tempered nut job. The dichotomy in his personality is what likely conjures art that is both whimsical and inspiring. His work is packed with textures and ornate details, merging the historical and the fictional, the technically sound and the completely absurd.

Reno grew up in the cultural metropolis of Xenia, Ohio, sketching Grizzly Adams and G.I. Joe characters. His love of drawing led him to the esteemed Columbus College of Art & Design, where he graduated with a BFA in Illustration in 1995.

Reno has built quite a following in Columbus and beyond, hand-pulling limited edition, silk-screened posters for concerts, cultural festivals, non-profit organizations and businesses. He has designed and screened posters, CD Artwork and t-shirts for hundreds of acclaimed rock bands including Coldplay and Interpol and is a go-to illustrator for both My Morning Jacket and The Avett Brothers. His critically appreciated work has landed him in a variety of art shows in cities across the globe, including Brighton, UK, Atlanta Museum of Design and Renegade Craft Fairs in Brooklyn, Chicago and beyond. His work has also been featured at The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, OH, and Flatstock poster conventions in Seattle, Chicago and Austin.

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About the Artist: Nicholas Nocera

Nicholas Nocera's hand-drawn illustrations are a combination of nostalgia and originality. They're a mix tape full of brand new music. Often featuring one-of-a-kind typography, his work is rooted in memories and familiarity. It both reminds and inspires.

Nocera grew up in Steubenville, OH. A drummer in the band, he found a home for himself in the high school art program. He went on to Kent State University, where his Art Education major led him to discover his love for screen printing.

While at Kent, Nocera met his wife, Alison, and together they formed Alison Rose. This homegrown company was established as a way to work towards entrepreneurial independence, to keep artistic spirits alive, and to justify hauling the half-ton printing press from apartment to apartment to Nick's parents' house to apartment. In the summer of 2013, the pair opened an Alison Rose retail location in Columbus, featuring wallets, handbags, accessories, and apparel all hand-printed.

Nocera's work has been featured in the book "Rock Torch," as well as seen at music venues and t-shirts all around Columbus.

About Rivet

Rivet is a designer toy and art gallery located in the Short North Arts District offering a variety of limited edition collectible designer vinyl toys in addition to presenting excellent works of original art and prints by pop-surreal, lowbrow, and underground artists. New exhibitions open on the first Saturday of each month in conjunction with Short North Gallery Hops.

About OAL

Ohio Art League is a membership-based non-profit visual arts organization. OAL provides exhibition and professional development opportunities to artists and enriches the community through art. Opportunities to curate and show art in OAL's member curated exhibitions are open exclusively to members. To learn more or become a member, please visit OAL.org.

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