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GALLERY

Seriously Funny

Group exhibit juried by Isabella Bannerman

July 8 – August 18, 2011 / Opening Reception: Friday, July 8, 6–9 p.m.

CHICAGO — Woman Made Gallery is happy to present ‘Seriously Funny’, a group exhibition juried by cartoonist Isabella Bannerman who is 1/6th of Six Chix, an all-women daily comic strip syndicated by King Features.

Isabella Bannerman selected humorous work in a variety of media, most of it in cartoon format. Artists represented in the exhibition are Rita Alves, Larissa Borteh, Estelle Carol, Mary Anne Case, Caitlin Cass, Amy Chace, Rona Chadwick, Robyn Chapman, Vera Curnow, Diane English, Mary Frisbee Johnson, Heather Klinkhamer, Kati Fernandez Lambert, Adrienne Lesperance, Emily Lindskoog, Peggy Lipschutz, Alisa McQuaid, Merrina Millsapp, Maria Scrivan, Sonya Stockton, and Ann Wilberton.

Images of all works, including samples by the Six Chix, cartoonists, Isabella Bannerman, Benita Epstein, Anne Gibbons, Rina Piccolo, Stephanie Piro, and Margaret Shulock may also be viewed on WMG’s website:

www.womanmade.org/show.html?type=group&gallery=funny2011&pic=1



Peggy Lipschutz: *Untitled*
ink on paper

Exhibition Juror: Isabella Bannerman

Isabella Bannerman has been a cartoonist since 1987, when she won first prize in The San Francisco Bay Guardian Cartoon Contest. Her work has appeared in many publications, including *Good Housekeeping*, *Glamour*, *The Funny Times*, *Mamapalooza*, and *World War 3 Illustrated*. A collection of her work, *Pacifists in Bomber Jackets*, was published in 1999 by Laugh Lines Press. Isabella has also worked as an animator, contributing to MTV; Pee Wee’s Playhouse; and the children’s TV show, Doug. For more information, visit the <http://thesixchix.com>.

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Simultaneously with the ‘Seriously Funny’ group exhibition WMG is hosting ‘Underground’, a group show curated by Ruby Thorkelson, who is also showing new works in her solo show, ‘Bodily Functions’.

Included in ‘Underground’ are both a pop-up library of zines, comics, and other self-published works by over fifty artists and writers organized in collaboration with Chicago Underground Library, as well as a show of installed artworks in all media by twelve self-publishing artists.

In ‘Bodily Functions’ Ruby Thorkelson presents an abstracted but salacious post-adolescent reawakening. Exploring the concept of input and output in relation to the human body, she constructs drawings, comics, and mixed-media work about understanding and overcoming dominant cultural standards of beauty, sexuality, and gender.

The opening reception for the ‘Seriously Funny’ and ‘Underground’ group exhibitions and the concurrent solo exhibition is on Friday, July 8th from 6 to 9 p.m.

Woman Made Gallery

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Website: www.womanmade.org

Gallery Hours: Wed–Fri noon–7p.m. / Sat–Sun noon–4p.m. / Admission: Free

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