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# Nicole Hollander Solo Show: *It's Enough to Make a Cat Laugh*

First in more than 10 years for Chicago's beloved cartoonist

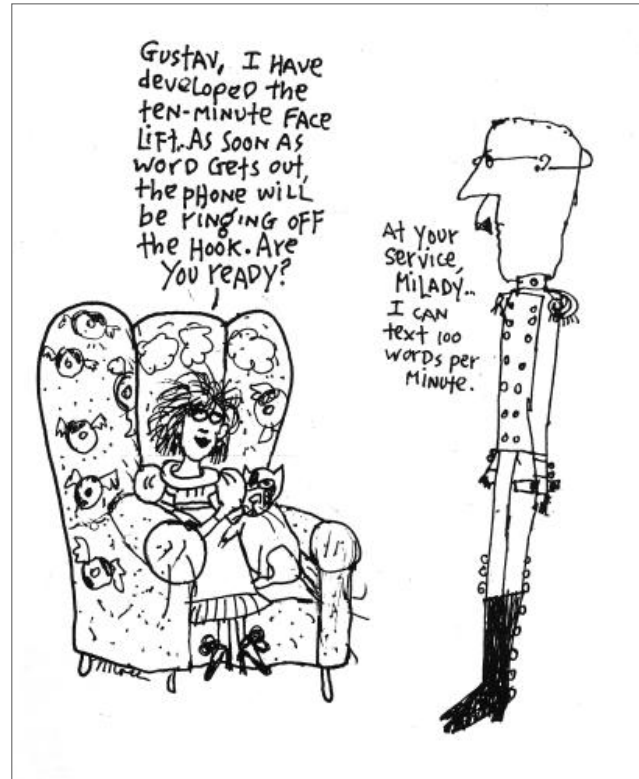
**SPECIAL TICKETED RECEPTION TO BENEFIT WMG: Sat., Jan. 24**

CHICAGO – Woman Made Gallery is proud to present the first solo show in more than 10 years for Chicago's own beloved and nationally syndicated cartoonist **Nicole Hollander**. This exciting exhibition, *It's Enough to Make a Cat Laugh*, opens Fri., Jan. 23 and continues to Feb. 26, 2009. Hollander's solo show is held in conjunction with a group exhibition juried by Hollander, *And You Think That's Funny?*

Hollander is best known for the nationally syndicated *Sylvia* comic strip. In *It's Enough to Make a Cat Laugh*, she shares her creative, amusing views on humor through diverse art forms and media.

## **SPECIAL BENEFIT RECEPTION with Nicole Hollander:**

WMG is offering a rare opportunity to spend an evening with Nicole Hollander in which she will discuss her life in comics, *Sylvia's* origins and getting syndicated, read a few odd fan letters, and wonder about what's next. Food and wine will be provided by Italian Village's restaurant **Vivere**. This special evening will be held at Woman Made Gallery on Sat., Jan. 24, 2009, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$150 per person. All proceeds benefit Woman Made Gallery. For more information, call 312-738-0400.



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## LIMITED EDITION ECO-TOTE:

Woman Made Gallery offers stimulating programming with a focus on women artists, performers and writers who share an interest in the interaction of the arts in contemporary culture. A tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization, Woman Made Gallery's mission is to ensure the equal placement of women's art in the world while leaving the smallest "footprint" possible. Recently, Woman Made Gallery began the journey to lessen its footprint and become more eco-friendly. In response, Nicole Hollander, nationally syndicated cartoonist, generously created the "Green Is My Color" Sylvia cartoon to support Woman Made Gallery. While supplies last, donate \$100 to Woman Made Gallery and get a Free Autographed Sylvia Tote Bag.

Alternatively, fans may purchase a limited edition "Sylvia Goes Green" recycled tote bag for only \$20 when you purchase it at Woman Made Gallery. Or order online for \$25 (includes S & H). Proceeds benefit Woman Made Gallery, a not-for-profit organization supporting women in the arts since 1992.

Nicole Hollander is a cartoonist best known for her nationally syndicated comic strip *Sylvia*, distributed by Tribune Media Services and appearing in more than 50 newspapers. Hollander has also published numerous cartoon collections, including, *My Cat's Not Fat*, *He's Just Big Boned* and *The ABC of Vice* with Regina Barreca. She has illustrated the children's books *I'm So Mad*; *I'm All Dressed*; *I Love Messes*; and *I'm Not Sleepy* by Robie Harris. She has written two musicals: *Sylvia's Real Good Advice* and *Female Problems*. Her most recent book is *Tales Of Graceful Aging from the Planet Denial*, published by Broadway Books. Hollander earned a B.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and holds a M.F.A. degree from Boston University. She lives in Chicago, IL. with a difficult, but adorable cat: Sally Cookie. For Nicole's outrageous cat humor, visit [sylvia Goes Green.org](http://sylvia Goes Green.org), [edgycat.com](http://edgycat.com), or [nicolehollander.com](http://nicolehollander.com).

### **ALSO AT THE GALLERY, Jan. 23 – Feb. 26, 2009\*:**

Group Show: *And You Think That's Funny?* Juried by Nicole Hollander

Solo Show: *It's Enough to Make a Cat Laugh* by Nicole Hollander

Solo Show: *After the Soup* by Kathy Weaver

Artisan Gallery: *Whimsicality*, Jan. 23 - April 16, 2009\*

### **Woman Made Gallery**

**685 N. Milwaukee Ave.**

**Chicago, IL 60642**

**Website:** [www.womanmade.org](http://www.womanmade.org)

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

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