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GALLERY

Underground

Group exhibit curated by Ruby Thorkelson

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

CHICAGO — Woman Made Gallery is proud to present a self-published art exhibition featuring the work of women, transgender, and gender non-conforming artists from all over the United States. The show includes 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.

On view are two and three-dimensional works featuring real and imagined characters and environments, as well as other fantastical images that elude definition. Edie Fake and Robin Hustle present original drawings from their recent publications. Artists Alexandra Blom and Lee Relvas work with fine fabrics to create textural messages and visions. Anne Elizabeth Moore and Esther Pearl Watson educate with their collaborative *Gender and Comics Potluck*, a graphic survey of where women and trans people are - and aren't - in the comics industry.



Edie Fake: *Untitled (Gay Genius page 3)*
ink on paper

Artists represented in the exhibition are Liz Born, Alexandra Blom, Anya Davidson, Megan Diddie, Meredith Eastburn, Edie Fake, Sanya Glisic, Robin Hustle, Lee Relvas, Laura Szumowski, Anne Elizabeth Moore, and Esther Pearl Watson. A selection of artists and writers represented in the pop-up library are Kristy Bowen, Sabrina Chap, Carrie Colpitts, Sarah Drake, Betty Heredia, Marie Hunt, Angee Lennard, Kira Mardikes, Liz Mason, Kara Sievewright, Simon Strikeback, and Sy Wagon.

Exhibition Curator: Ruby Thorkelson

Ruby Thorkelson is WMG's Gallery Coordinator. She is also a visual artist working in drawing, comics, mixed-media, and collaborative projects, as well as a 2010 recipient of a Community Arts Assistance Program Grant from the City of Chicago.

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Simultaneously with the ‘Underground’ group exhibition WMG is hosting ‘Seriously Funny’, a group cartoon exhibition with works by 26 artists, as well as ‘Bodily Functions’ a solo exhibition with works by Ruby Thorkelson.

For ‘Seriously Funny’, juror Isabella Bannerman of the Six Chix comic strip chose humorous work in a variety of media, most of it in cartoon format. Included in the exhibition is the work of all Six Chix: Isabella Bannerman, Benita Epstein, Anne Gibbons, Rina Piccolo, Stephanie Piro, and Margaret Shulock.

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 ‘Underground’ and ‘Seriously Funny’ 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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