



Local Artists asked to participate in London Art Show

*Fatherless, a collaborative artists group, to show
at "Pick Me Up" art fair*

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ROCKFORD, IL — Fatherless, a collaborative group of five local artists, will exhibit at the “Pick Me Up” art fair in London, UK, from April 17-28, 2013. Fatherless will create one-of-a-kind hand-printed images specifically for the event, reflective of what they call “Rust Belt Power Pop aesthetic.”

Along with their eclectic mix of graphics, Fatherless will create prints, t-shirts, broadsides and handbills during the show. Dave Menard, one of the members of Fatherless, stated that they hope to “engage visitors with our process, esthetic and energy,” while at the show.

The “Pick Me Up” art fair, hosted by Somerset House Trust, is the UK’s first contemporary graphic arts fair, an exhibition of international rising stars in the graphics arts world. Participants in the show are selected by a panel of industry experts from around the world.

Fatherless has started a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds for travel costs and the shipment of supplies including several large silk screening frames. “We’re asking for help through Kickstarter because we are passionate about getting our artwork exposed on an *international* stage. For five local artists with regular day jobs and families, this is going to be a rewarding experience to say the least. Even the smallest contribution would help us show an international audience the kind of quality work that’s coming out of Rockford,” stated Greg Lang, another member of Fatherless.

For more information or to contribute to the campaign, go to
<http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/fatherlessinlondon/fatherless-in-london>.

Fatherless will also hold a fundraiser for the show in London. The fundraiser will take place on February 8, 2013, at Rockford Art Deli, 402 E. State St, Downtown Rockford, immediately following the Heart Art auction event at Rockford College.

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About Fatherless— Formed in 2010 and hailing from Rockford, Illinois, Fatherless is a collaborative Print Posse. Inspired and fueled by their community, Fatherless focuses on fresh projects that stay beating with an authentic heart. Their work, best described as a "Visual Mixtape of Creative Shenagination," consists of hand-screened, limited edition prints. No two are alike. Fatherless is made up of Corey Hagberg, Jarrod Hennis, Javier Jimenez, Greg Lang, and Dave Menard. Clients include FrostByte Media Inc., recording artists The Last Vegas, and Killer Bootlegs Action Figures. Works by Fatherless can also be found in the permanent collections of the Illinois State Museum and the Brooklyn Art Library.

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Illinois State Museum Permanent Collection—ISM, Springfield, IL.
Sketchbook Project—Art House Co-Op, Brooklyn, NY.

PAST SHOWS

Chicago Truborn—Chicago, IL. September 2012—March 2013
Heart Art—Rockford College, Rockford, IL. February, 2013
Fountain Art Fair—Miami, FL. December 2012
Gallery Night—Sadler Gallery, Milwaukee, WI. October 2012.
Legitimate Lies—Rockford Art Deli, Rockford, IL. October 2012
Recent Studies Have Shown—Pirate Ninja Print Shop, Rockford, IL. May 2012
Unforgettable Art: An Affair for Alzheimer's—Rockford, IL. April 2012
Papergirl Dublin—Dublin, Ireland. January - December 2012
Papergirl Leeds—Leeds, England. January - December 2012
Papergirl San Francisco—San Francisco, CA. January - December 2012
Papergirl New York—New York, NY. January - December 2011
Papergirl San Francisco—San Francisco, CA. January - December 2011
Greetings from No. 9—Pirate Ninja Print Shop, Rockford, IL. July 2011
After School Special—Pirate Ninja Print Shop, Rockford, IL. June 2010
Papergirl Berlin—Berlin, Germany. January - December 2010

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