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Presents

"Laughter Is The Best Medicine":

A one man Exhibition by one of the funniest artists alive

Stephen Hansen

November 30– December 30, 2012

At Chevy Chase Pavilion

5335 Wisconsin Ave., NW Washington, DC 20015 level 2

Meet the Artist Receptions:

Friday November 30 6-9 pm & Saturday December 1, 2-5 pm



Scales of Injustice Paper mache



A Guy walks into A Bar..... Paper Mache



Real People Paper Mache

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"As an artist I am not an explorer of the human condition, so much as a hapless tourist, making snapshots of whatever strikes my fancy. I work primarily in paper mache, the appeal of which is twofold. First, it is fast enough that I can try out ideas without any sense of commitment. Secondly, it is a material so inherently humble that I can claim to make "cultural icons" or "distilled social observations" without feeling too pretentious. Stylistically, I think of my work as lifelike rather than realistic, a choice made out of a desire to represent ideas rather than individuals. I make sculpture with the idea that it should both attract and communicate, towards that end, I try to make art that is intellectually accessible and aesthetically seductive. I approach my work day as though I were the director of a small reparatory company, with a group of actors that I costume and coerce into the characters of the story I want to tell. They tend toward over acting." Stephen Hansen

For 34 years Zenith Gallery has represented artist Stephen Hansen. Anyone who owns one of his clever works can attest that they make you laugh every time you look at them, whether it's the first or the 1,000th time. These combination sculptures and paintings exude humor. In each and every brush stroke or curve of the form, he hits our funny bone. He reminds us to laugh at ourselves; we certainly need that here in Washington.

It doesn't matter if you consider yourself an art connoisseur or are someone who has never stepped foot into a Gallery or Museum, he gets to the audience. People love his work, and they love Stephen, when they meet him, which we encourage you to do.

How could someone possibly come up with 40 years of humor in art and stay fresh? I guess the same way the late night shows do: keep current with what's going on in the world, most of which is easy to find humor in. During the worst of the economy, Stephen is one of our artists who continue to be purchased. Over these last few years we've *needed* humor more than ever, since, unfortunately, this town has become rather humor-challenged.

Stephen Hansen's work graces private homes, museums, corporate offices, airports, movie sets, Federal agencies and American embassies, and has been seen on TV.

Where: Zenith Gallery at Chevy Chase Pavilion, 5335 Wisconsin ave., NW Washington DC 20015, Level 2 next to Embassy Suites Hotel

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Hours: Tuesday -Saturday 12-6, all other times call for appointment, hours may extend in December, call for extended hours.

Now in its 34th year, Zenith Gallery provides high-quality acquisition, consulting, appraisal and commissioning services to residential/corporate clients via its website, a salon gallery just off 16th street, In addition to a Gallery at Chevy Chase Pavilion, where Zenith operates a gallery on level 2. Zenith Gallery curates rotating exhibitions at the Sculpture Space at 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC, 20004. All can be viewed on our website www.zenithgallery.com