



For Immediate Release

Thinkspace presents:

'Wild At Heart - Keep Wildlife In The Wild'

Curated by Andrew Hosner and Amanda Erlanson

20% of all sales will go to benefit 'Born Free USA' and the world's endangered species

Reception with the artists:

Sat, May 26th 5-9PM

On view May 26th – June 9th, 2012

Los Angeles, CA – Thinkspace is proud to present "Wild at Heart: Keep Wildlife in the Wild," an exhibition to raise awareness about the precarious predicament of wild creatures around the world, and to benefit efforts to protect them in their natural habitat. Featuring a stellar cast of more than 100 artists from all corners of the art world, this exhibition brings together some of the most profound and innovative voices making art today. In recognition of the imperiled state of much of the world's wildlife, each artist will apply their own unique perspective to our relationship with the fascinating creatures with whom we share our planet.

As the natural world becomes increasingly impacted by shifting climate, human greed and diminishing resources, protecting those creatures that still roam free becomes ever more vital to the soul of humanity. For even if we could continue to exist without wildlife, the spirit-crushing sadness that our species would take upon itself would surely rob all joy from life. Those majestic, miraculous, elemental beings which we admire from afar are at the root of who we are as people — from the woodland protagonists of our childhood storybooks, to the metaphors we use to describe ourselves as adults, to the animal spirits that visit us in our dreams. As we take steps to protect them from those who would rob them of their freedom, we also improve our own species' chances to persist far into the future, both by preserving the natural world we all share, and by cherishing the sacred genesis of our imagination and symbology.

In appreciation of the magnificent creatures with whom we share the planet, Thinkspace will donate 20% of the sale price of each piece of art to Born Free USA and the Animal Protection Institute, which operate jointly as a non-profit organization that advocates worldwide for the ethical treatment and protection of wild animals, and also maintains a large sanctuary for rescued primates. To honor the animals closest to our hearts, the gallery will be accepting donations of old blankets to donate to area shelters so dogs don't have to sleep on cold hard concrete, as well as other used and new pet supplies. The opening will feature the release of a gorgeous limited edition screenprinted poster especially created for the exhibition by the incomparable Aaron Horkey. We hope you will join us on May 26th to celebrate and defend the wild things that fill our lives with wonder and mystery.

Featuring new works from:

Aaron Horkey	Ghostpatrol	Mike Alvarez
Adam Caldwell	Guy McKinley	Mike Brown
Alexone	Henrik A. Uldalen	Mari Inukai
Allison Sommers	Jacob Gagnon	Naoto Hattori
Amy Dover	Jason Limon	Nathan DeYoung
Amy Sol	Jason Thielke	Nimit Malavia
Ana Bagayan	Jasper Wong	Pakayla Biehn
Andrea Offermann	Jennifer Davis	Paul Barnes
Andrew Hem	Jeff Ramirez	Pedro Matos
Anthony Clarkson	Jeremy Hush	Phil Hale
Aron Wiesenfeld	Jessamyn Patterson	Philippe Baudelocque
ARYZ	Jesse Hotchkiss	Rebekah Bogard
Asylum	Jessica Joslin	Regan Rosburg
Ben Strawn	Jillian Ludwig	Reinier Gamboa
Benjamin A. Vierling	Joao Ruas	Rob Sato
Brad Woodfin	John Brosio	Robert Proch
Brooke Grucella	John Malloy	Rodrigo Cifuentes
Bumblebee	Jolene Lai	Rodrigo Luff
Caitlin Hackett	Jonathan Wayshak	Rose Sanderson
Chet Zar	Josie Morway	Sarah Muirhead
Catherine Brooks	Julie West	Scott Belcastro
Christina Mrozik	Kelly Allen	Seamus Conley
Craig "Skibs" Barker	Kelly Vivanco	Sean Chao
DABS MYLA	Kikyz 1313	Sean Mahan
DAL	Know Hope	Seth Armstrong
Dan Lydersen	Laura Bifano	Shark Toof
Dan-ah Kim	Leontine Greenberg	Simon Prades
Darla Jackson	Lindsey Carr	Souther Salazar
David Jien	Linnea Strid	Stella Im Hultberg
David MacDowell	Liqen	Stephanie Buer
Derek Gores	Lucrezia Bieler	Tasha Kusama
Douglas Miller	Luke Chueh	Tessar Lo
Drew Young	Martin Wittfooth	The Yok
Edwin Ushiro	Mary Iverson	Timothy Karpinski
Ekundayo	Matt Doust	Tom Haubrick
Esao Andrews	Matthew Grabelsky	Wayne White
Frank Gonzales	Megan Wolfe	White Cocoa
Fuco Ueda	Meggs	Yosuke Ueno
Fumi Nakamura	Mia Brownell	
GAIA	Michael Ramstead	

PLUS a silent auction of donated rare prints from Mark Ryden, Marion Peck and Audrey Kawasaki with all proceeds going to support Born Free USA

About Born Free USA:

Born Free USA is a national animal advocacy nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, contributions to which are tax-deductible. Our mission is to end the suffering of wild animals in captivity, rescue individual animals in need, protect wildlife — including highly endangered species — in their natural habitats, and encourage compassionate conservation globally. Every year, millions of animals suffer in fur farms and circus cages. In our campaigns against such cruelties, we use powerful tools including legislation, public education, litigation, and grassroots networking. We also work actively with media to spread the word about challenges facing animals.

Our primary campaign areas currently include animals used in entertainment, captive exotic animals, trapping & fur, and the international wildlife trade.

<http://bornfreeusa.org>

About Thinkspace Gallery:

Located in the Culver City Art District, Thinkspace Gallery was established in November of 2005. Thinkspace exists as a catalyst for the ever expanding new contemporary art movement that is exploding forth from the streets and art schools the world over. We are here to help represent this new generation of artists, to provide them that home base and to aid them in building the right awareness and collector base necessary for long-term growth.

Our aim is to help these new talents shine and to provide them a gallery setting in which to prove themselves. It is our hope and dream that through these opportunities these individuals will prosper and continue to grow to amaze us all for years to come. With the love of and for our community, and with the talents of so many incredible artists involved, we believe that this movement will provide the necessary proving ground for the ideas and dreams of today to become the foundations of a new tomorrow.

Thinkspace Gallery is located at 6009 Washington Blvd, in the heart of the Culver City Arts District, Culver City, CA 90232. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, please call 310.558.3375, visit www.thinkspacegallery.com, or email contact@thinkspacegallery.com.

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