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Thinkspace presents:

Dabs Myla & Friends

'Marvelous Expeditions'

Plus in our project room:

Sergio Hernandez (aka Surge MDR)

'Don't Trip'

Reception with the artists:

Sat., September 1st 5-9PM

Exhibitions on view: September 1st – September 22nd

Take a sneak peek at the works coming to life for *'Marvelous Expeditions'* here:

<http://thinkspacegallery.com/shows/2012-09/#photos>

Los Angeles, CA - Thinkspace is pleased to present the highly anticipated *Marvelous Expeditions* by Dabs Myla and Friends. In the spirit of travel and all things wonderfully itinerant, acclaimed duo Dabs Myla will take over the gallery space and will feature new work and an installation alongside curated selections from 32 of their closest and most inspiring artist friends. The gallery will in effect become a locus of meeting and communal exchange, as artists from all over the world are brought together by Dabs Myla to share their experiences of traveling through its landscapes.

Dabs Myla's meticulously executed work combines narrative illustration, photorealistic drawing, and architectural rendering with a playful bawdiness and irreverence. Cast frequently as themselves in their imagery and host of characters, the artist pair create worlds of contentious and playful encounters against the seductive chaos of the urbanscape. The city features prominently in their work as the stomping ground for their numerous adventures. When looking at their pieces one has the impression of aesthetic confluence and fluidity, of two minds toiling together as one. The viewing experience is the keen pleasure of looking into another world and enjoying a story, and just as it is with the unrelenting freneticism of the city, there is always a new discovery to punctuate every observation right around every corner - and we'd be remiss to exclude mention of the donuts and street meat.

As artists and urban enthusiasts Dabs Myla translate their experience of the world through a distinctly collaborative amalgamation of their styles and rendering strengths. Their work conveys a synchronicity of vision and aesthetic uncommonly allied and collusive. It is constituted by their shared love of travel, food, graffiti, illustration, and urbanity. Just as all productive chaos emerges from unlikely places, the momentum of travel fosters unexpected discoveries and collisions of worlds. Dabs and Myla, originally from Melbourne Australia and now currently based in LA, are no strangers to this productive geographic disruption, and this project seeks to celebrate the unexpected encounters and inspirations catalyzed by travel. They have invited each of their featured friends to produce a piece for the exhibition on a 16" x 20" wood panel, and with these set material parameters each artist will work their magic. The series is loosely meant to invoke exploration and travel, and each participating artist will metabolize their impressions of the theme differently through their respective styles, voices, and memories.

Marvelous Expeditions showcases the duo's love of friends, collegiality, exchange, and the proliferation of vision and variety that thrives alongside constant movement and displacement. These are the exploratory impulses of travel that lead to constant revisions, reconstitutions, influences, and to the indelible encounters that change everything.

Featuring 16x20" works from: 123 Klan Aaron, De La Cruz, Askew, Augustine Kofie, Axis, Cat Cult, Dscreet, Dvate, EINE, Elliot Francis Stewart, Ephameron, Greg Lamarche, Honkey Kong (aka Adam Hathorn), Johnny 'KMNDZ' Rodriguez, KC Ortiz, KEM5, Logan Hicks, Luke Chueh, Mark Mulroney, Meggs, Misery, NEW2, Pose, Remi Rough, Revok, Rime, Stormie Mills, Tatiana Suarez, Tom Gerrard, Tristan Eaton, Witnes and The Yok.

Dabs Myla:

Melbourne natives Dabs and Myla are a dynamic duo who have lived, worked and soaked in the sun of Los Angeles since 2009. Dabs started painting graffiti in 1995, and began teaching Myla the ropes of writing about ten years later, after they met while studying illustration in art school and fell in love. Soon afterward, they decided they liked their collaborative pieces better than their individual work, and from that point on, they worked together exclusively, as Dabs Myla. Inspired by graffiti, food, travel and their wonderful chaotic life together as a couple, their paintings play Dabs' mischievous and sometimes ribald characters off Myla's photorealistic cityscapes. Since their move to California, they have never spent more than a few hours apart. They say, "I guess we are pretty lucky... two peas in a pod! Two crazy, workaholic, mad dorks in a pod! After years of living, painting walls and working together, we have only become closer, stronger and even more in sync. Every day we wake up, paint all day, and keep each other entertained with constant chatter and stupid jokes. Who could ask for more out of life?"

Artist website: www.dabsmyla.com

ON VIEW IN OUR PROJECT ROOM:**Sergio Hernandez (aka Surge MDR) 'Don't Trip'**

In conjunction with *Marvelous Expeditions*, Dabs Myla will be curating the Thinkspace project room with new work by Sergio Hernandez (SURGE MDR). Hernandez is an artist informed by a multiplicity of media and styles deeply rooted in the culture of the urban landscape. Known in the San Diego graffiti community as SURGE MDR, his work has continued to inspire Dabs Myla and elicit their admiration.

Born and raised in San Diego, CA, Hernandez has felt a life long filial connection to Tijuana Mexico. As a child, he frequently visited and was inspired by the hand painted advertisements throughout the city, a sort of prototypical forerunner to his interest in graffiti and the city as a canvas. He studied painting and printmaking, and received a BFA from San Diego State University in 2004. Hernandez's painting and drawing practice is inspired by the city, and the characters and encounters from his life. His work is often memory and narrative based, and is founded in the stories from his childhood or those gleaned from experience. The work is at times playful, and at times dark, but the characters that proliferate his stories are intended to be universally enjoyed by children and adults alike, an inspiration from his wife and children. His prolific work as a graffiti artist, tattoo artist, illustrator, and painter speaks to his dexterous, and graphic, versatility.

Take a sneak peek at Sergio Hernandez's new works for 'Don't Trip' here:

<http://thinkspacegallery.com/shows/2012-09-project/#photos>

Artist Website: <http://surgemdr.com/home.html>

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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