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Thinkspace presents:

Sarah Joncas

'Siren'

Main Gallery



Dabs Myla

'Tokyo Deluxe'

Project Room



Both exhibits on view: September 3rd – September 24th

Opening Reception: Fri, September 3rd 7-10PM with all artists in attendance

Los Angeles, CA - Thinkspace is pleased to present *Siren*, an exhibition of new works from Toronto, Ontario based artist Sarah Joncas, in what will be the artist's second solo exhibition with our gallery. Also showing concurrently in our project

room will be *Tokyo Deluxe*, an exhibition of new works and an installation from Australian artistic duo Dabs Myla in what will be their first major solo exhibition following numerous group show appearances with our gallery.

For anyone who follows Sarah Joncas' work, it should come as no surprise that music has and is a large influence on her painting process. Just as mediums or materials are essential to creating, Joncas considers music a necessary ingredient to developing and fulfilling her ideas. It was no doubt that sooner or later music would become the central theme to a body of her work. From instrument to dance, the artist has brought music to the forefront of her solo female narratives and embraced this all-important part of our culture. Similar to the pop element in her work (visually impacted by sources such as comic books, anime, film and cartoons), Joncas' musical inspirations are mostly streaming from rock and alternative roots. Suitably given the title 'Siren', this show is about the seduction and romance of music. It gets us moving, gets us singing, tugs at the heartstrings and becomes undeniably infused with our character and how we identify with the world. To further this theme, all the works included in 'Siren' have been named after songs/lyrics/bands that suit them or provide an opening to interpretation. Some inspired by, some titled afterwards with consideration. Though physically silent, it has always been the artist's hope to create work that can speak and touch someone in a similar way as a piece of music does.

Dabs Myla's new body of work is based on the overwhelming experiences the two artists had while visiting one of the most hectic cities in the world, Tokyo. While creating a show about Tokyo is a bit like shooting a fish in a barrel due to all the visual stimuli found there, the couple took on the task and soaked up as much pop culture as their minds could take. Between taking photographs of the architecture and sketching up ideas wherever they went, Dabs Myla feel they have created a collection of paintings that reflects the stamp left on their brains from their trip to Tokyo. Our project room will be a virtual visual overload this September as the pair fill it with a wide array of new works layered on top of a full room mural and additional installation elements including die-cut figures, buildings, clouds, and more. 'Tokyo Deluxe' promises an immersive experience.

ABOUT SARAH JONCAS:

Sarah Joncas was born in 1986 and grew up in both Hamilton and Niagara Falls, Ontario. Her interest in the visual arts developed at an early age, starting with the dedicated drawings of dinosaurs and lizards. Eventually the study and enjoyment of working from existing images stirred up the need in Sarah to create images of her own; ones that could reflect the world, yet also appease the personal feelings/ideas that she herself maintained. With this, her direction changed gradually from the world of animation, towards a path in fine art. □□ Sarah is a recent BFA graduate from the Ontario College of Art and Design. She currently works and resides in Toronto, Canada.

Take a 'Sneak Peek' at the works for 'Siren' coming together:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/thinkspace/sets/72157624205592895/>

Artist website:

<http://www.sarahjoncas.com/>

ABOUT DABS MYLA:

Dabs is a prolific illustrator and graffiti artist who spent his teenage years growing up in Melbourne in the Early '90s. The graffiti scene influenced him greatly in his style and technique. These days Dabs' characters come to life in more contextualized environments than ever before, whether they are painted on walls in the streets, or on canvases for a gallery setting.

Myla was also raised in Melbourne where she was obsessed with detailed painting and drawing from an early age. Throughout her life Myla has continued to develop her artistic ways, and now concentrates on detailed cities and landscapes. Three years ago, along with Dabs, they combined forces to solely collaborate on their works together.

The duo's work has shown the world over including such high profile shows as last November's 'Golden Age' show in downtown Los Angeles as well as the recent Green Day 21st Century Breakdown show that took place in the UK at Stolen Space and was curated by fellow artist Logan Hicks.

Dabs Myla currently live in Hollywood, Los Angeles, spending everyday working on artworks, painting walls and being influenced by the wonders of their new city.

Take a 'Sneak Peek' at the works for 'Tokyo Deluxe' coming together:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/thinkspace/sets/72157624205650731/>

Artist website:

www.dabsmyla.com

ABOUT THINKSPACE GALLERY:

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 Saturday, 1 p.m. to 6 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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October 2nd – October 23rd

Brian M. Viveros 'The Dirtyland' – debut LA solo show taking over our entire gallery with new paintings, drawings, sculptures, editions and an installation

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