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SALT LAKE ART CENTER ANNOUNCES
LOCALS ONLY ROUND 1:
Jared Clark, August 31 – December 17, 2011

Also: L.O.G. Round 2 is now open for submissions, Due October 14th

SALT LAKE CITY, UT – Salt Lake Art Center is pleased to announce **Jared Clark** as the exhibiting artist for the launch of its newest program offering, the Locals Only Gallery. A graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, Salt Lake City artist Clark will install a new work from his *Bild* series, which employs scavenged materials to create site-specific sculptures.

The title of this series, *Bild*, references both imagery and construction, as it is the German word for a painting as well as a homophone for “build”. Clark’s piece is a monumental installation composed of urban and domestic objects which takes as its springboard the tenets of Minimalist primary sculptural forms; including a confrontation with the viewer in real space which demands consideration of its relationship to the scale of the human body.

“While the *Bild* is clearly a sculptural installation, it poses itself with a flat rectangular side which begs to be read as a painting, while the backside of the *Bild* betrays its nature as sculpture with variegated lengths of objects protruding in an almost violent way that contrasts the orderly and serene composition of the front. Thus the *Bild* is also a commentary on the privileged plane of painting, the frontal flatness that [Clement] Greenberg proposed was its essence,” says artist Jared Clark on his work.



“I am so proud that Salt Lake Art Center is opening a space in which to showcase local artist talent. Clark’s work is a perfect launch for the Locals Only Gallery. His work is conceptual, formal, site-specific, and rigorous in its vision and scope. He is using specific detritus from the streets of Salt Lake City to build a piece that engages in universal dialogues of painting and sculpture simultaneously-it’s really quite smart!” says Micol Hebron, Chief Curator, Salt Lake Art Center.

Locals Only Gallery is Salt Lake Art Center’s newest initiative to promote local artists as they engage the contemporary art world. Selected solely from proposals submitted by Utah artists, the L.O.G. will provide those artists with a professional exhibition environment, prominent exposure to Art Center visitors, and through the Art Center’s increasing national ties, the possibility of greater exposure around the country.

Submissions for Round 2 of Locals Only Gallery are now being accepted through October 14 for an exhibition from January 6 through April 21, 2012. Applicants for the Locals Only Gallery should have a clear proposal for a compelling and feasible contemporary project that will fit appropriately in the space of the gallery. Artists may propose an exhibition of their own work, or a curated exhibition of artists living in Utah. The Art Center welcomes proposals for all formats of artwork –from site-specific, multi-media, or performative projects, to photography, painting, drawing, video, sound, and sculpture. See www.slartcenter.org for details.

Salt Lake Art Center is Utah’s premiere venue for contemporary art, and was recognized as Best Museum in the State of

Utah for 2011. Founded in 1931 and now located in the heart of Salt Lake City, the Art Center exhibits groundbreaking work by leading local and international artists. Notable past exhibitions include Robert Fontenot's *The Place This Is*, a conceptual exploration of the stories and histories of Utah and America through materials commonly associated with the domestic realm; *Contemporary Masters: Artist-Designed Miniature Golf* and *Lawn Gnomes Eat Your Hearts Out*, a community public sculpture initiative designed to move the very best in contemporary art outside the four walls of the gallery and into places where people work, live, and play. Currently on view: *Fallen Fruit of Utah*, a state-wide collaboration with museums and individuals about the role of fruit in Utah's history, led by artist collective Fallen Fruit. Upcoming exhibitions include *Doublespeak*, an exhibition of contemporary women artists working in code; *Kim Schoenstadt*, winner of the 2011 *Catherine Doctorow Prize for Contemporary Painting*, the annual installment of *Sundance Film Festival New Frontier*, and also *Play Me I'm Yours*, inviting the people of Salt Lake to show off their piano skills on street corners all over Salt Lake. The Art Center rounds out its offerings with a lively mix of award-winning educational programs, film screenings, panel discussions, and events celebrating Salt Lake's vibrant local art scene. Salt Lake Art Center is located at 20 S. West Temple, just off the intersection with South Temple. Admission is free year-round. Business hours are Tuesday-Thursday: 11 am-6 pm; Friday: 11 am-9 pm; Saturday: 11 am-6 pm; closed Sunday and Monday. For more information call (801) 328-4201 or visit www.slartcenter.org.

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