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ANIMALS of the FUTURE

A solo show by **Treiops Treyfid** at **MJ Higgins Gallery**

April 10 – May 3, 2008

Opening reception Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22, 2008 from 6 - 9pm.
(also open for downtown Art Walk Thursday, April 10)

Gallery Hours : Tues - Thurs, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm; Fri - Sat, 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

MJ Higgins Gallery

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Los Angeles, CA – April 10 – May 3, 2008 – Popular downtown Los Angeles art gallery MJ Higgins will host a solo art show by contemporary artist Treiops Treyfid in their 4th and Main st. location. The opening reception will be on Earth Day, April 22nd from 6 to 9pm. The title of the show is “Animals of the Future” and consists of mixed media 3D and sculptural work.

All wild and exotic animals on our planet are under threat of extinction because of loss of habitat due to pollution, global warming, and human population growth. Fragile ecosystems are in serious peril all over the world and will pay a heavy price from the increased storms, floods, and coastal erosion that global warming will produce. So, who are the critters that will survive the coming catastrophe? They will be the ones that are able to live with or near humans, can live in an urban or semi-urban environment, and use human garbage as a food source. These are the "Animals of the Future". They include raccoons, opossums, rats, roaches, crows, coyotes, squirrels, sparrows, pigeons, deer, seagulls, lizards, rabbits, skunk, chipmunks, mice, feral cats, stray dogs, and many other species. The pieces in this show will highlight and tribute these overlooked noble survivors that live sometimes literally in our own backyards. The pieces are sculptural in nature and are made out of mostly recycled elements but also include exotic materials, and lighting.

Treiops Treyfid has been a fixture of the downtown gallery scene for years and his works are well-respected. His work lies firmly in the Contemporary realm, but with Visionary influences. His work explores themes including consumerism, loss of identity, glamour, and interconnectedness. Lately he has been exploring a wide array of materials including recyclables, holographic foil and polyester resin. He has shown at many downtown and Hollywood galleries including The Hive, Create:Fixate, Eco-Art Gallery, Phantom Galleries, and J.Ferrari.

Be sure to celebrate Earth Day by coming down to MJ Higgins Gallery on April 22nd from 6 to 9pm for the opening reception. It will include a performance by local electronic music group Brain Garden who will incorporate samples of animal sounds into their ambient set.

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