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World-Renowned Artist Derek Hess at Mahan Gallery

Show dates: October 1 – 31

Opening Reception: Saturday, October 1, 6:00-10:00pm

COLUMBUS, Ohio – On October 1, 2005, Mahan Gallery opens a month-long Derek Hess exhibition entitled *This is Not a Love Song* featuring drawings and fine art prints. Hess will attend the opening night reception open to the public from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

Cleveland-based Hess is best known for his explosively passionate illustrations for underground concert posters. Inspired during his childhood by graphic novel *Captain America* and artist Gil Kane, Derek Hess has based his creative energy in peeling back the layers to expose the core of society, which oftentimes reveals a vision of gritty imagery and an oblique point of view.

Hess' works have been exhibited worldwide and are included in permanent collections of the Louvre in France and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland. He has been featured in publications such as *Spin Magazine*, *Newsweek*, *Juxtapoz*, *Alternative Press*, and numerous other magazines around the world. His art has also been featured on MTV and VH1.

As an extension of his art, Hess has created the Strhess Tour, a symbiotic experience of art and contemporary music, which in recent years has featured performances by alternative bands such as Bleeding Through, Darkest Hour, Shadows Fall and As I Lay Dying. Hess' art also appears on a line of apparel called Strhess Clothing.

The Mahan Gallery focuses on contemporary artists working in a variety of media, including painting, photography, and sculpture. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 11am – 5pm and by appointment.

Learn more about Derek Hess and see his work at www.derekhess.com or visit www.mahangallery.com.

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