

mahan gallery

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### **Mahan Gallery Opens Exhibition, Snakeskin Lightning: Thom Lessner, Lori D. and Andrew Jeffery Wright, reception, Saturday, September 4, 6-10pm**

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The Mahan Gallery will exhibit selected new work from artists Thom Lessner, Lori D. and Andrew Jeffery Wright.

Lori Damiano was born in Madera, California. She studied at La Trobe University in Melbourne Australia and at the University of California , San Diego, where she received her BA in Film and Video in 2000. She recently received her MFA from the California Institute of the Arts, Valencia in Experimental Animation in 2004.

Lori D is interested in the contrast between contemporary Western popular cultures of materialism and "primitive" cultures built on the passing down of stories and ritual through time. She works in a style inspired by folk art, primitive art and religious manuscripts and asks what contemporary Western folklore looks like. Her special affection for creating characters who are enraptured in out-of-date styles has a way of demystifying and removing authority from the present systems at work in materialistic identity construction.

Thom Lessner was born in Evanston, Illinois and currently lives in Philadelphia. He is a self taught Modern Primitive and Contemporary Folk artist whose work includes recognizable tribute portraits of local sports heroes, record covers of bands from the 70's and 80's, such as the Ramones, BeeGees, Van Halen and Man O' War and miniatures painted on pennies. He works in acrylic, house paint and screen-printing. His work has been influenced by graffiti artists and he often wheat-pastes his work on walls, outside.

Andrew Jeffery Wright was born in St. Petersburg, Florida and now lives in Philadelphia, where he is a founding member of Space 1026 Gallery and Studios. He received his BFA in animation. His work has taken form in screen-printing, drawing, painting, animation and film, photography, collage, installation sculpture.

The work will be on display from Wednesday, September 4 until Tuesday September 21.

The Mahan Gallery focuses on emerging and mid-career artists working in a variety of media, including painting, photography, and sculpture. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 11 am-7pm; Saturday-Sunday 12pm-6pm. The Mahan Gallery is located at 1042 N. High St.

\*Please note our hours have changed.