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#### Contemporary Artists Exhume the Influence of William S. Burroughs on the Occasion of his 100th Birthday.

Exhibition Curated by Michael Krueger

Opening Reception: FINAL FRIDAY. January 31st 5–9pm

Artist Panel Discussion: February 4th, 7-9pm

Exhibition Dates: Jan. 31 – Feb. 27th, 2014

This exhibition seeks to find veins of contemporized influence in art from the great American Beat writer William S. Burroughs. If the exhibition pays homage to WSB it is not out of imitation, or reverence but rather through an extension of consciousness and a spirit of innovation, willingness to hallucinate, to think unabashedly, and perhaps cultivate an estrangement from contemporary norms.

"Artists to my mind are the real architects of change, and not the political legislators who implement change after the fact" -William S. Burroughs

Burroughs' words of advice become impossible to ignore, uplifting to read and devour, clanging occasionally at a decibel to loud to hear. Most artists are at the skirts, like shaman dwelling at the edge of the village, every so often one shaman comes along that can undeniable speak to every artist with telepathic clarity, Burroughs is that shaman. His influence at this point is so prophetic and wide spread that it can hardly be traced back to the source, like a dither of magic, and a spell of untethered permission.

"I see painting as an evocative magic, and there must always be a random factor in magic, one, which must be constantly changed and renewed." -William S. Burroughs

The artists selected for this exhibition are pushing change forward, willing it with magic and images. Fifteen artists were selected for this show, coming from near and far, but leaning heavily on this region that William called home, in the end. Happy 100th Birthday Mr. Burroughs, we offer not accolades and mouthy gifts but a mantel of change and a walk into the unknown.

Selected artists for the exhibition include:

Tom Reed, Aaron Storck, David Ford, Archie Scott Gobber, Craig Roper, Midwest Pressed, Jaimie Warren, Linda Lighton, Peregrine Honig, Randy Regier, Angie Christensen, Philip Heying, Miki Baird, Nina Katchadourian, Robert Dale Anderson, Michael Krueger, Wayne Propst, and William S. Burroughs.

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