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(e)VENT: A Drawing Project in Response to The Patriot Act.

Gallery 535 announces **(e)VENT: Drawing Project in Response to the Patriot Act in partnership with the ACLU-Mass. branch:**

Saturday, May 1, 2004

Noon to 9 PM

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The public is invited to come and join the (e)VENT Project Team and dozens of Boston area artists to help cover the gallery walls with 57 running feet of free expression in response to the Patriot Act and associated threats to our civil liberties.

What is (e)VENT and Why Now?

(e)VENT is a drawing project that builds relationships between the arts community, non-profit organizations and the general public. The objective is to provide a field for socially responsible thought and action. It is also a site for education, mobilization and celebration. This inaugural (e)VENT is a partnership between the artist collaborators and the ACLU-Mass. Branch.

In September of 2003 during South End Open Studios, Linda Price-Sneddon and Jo Ann Rothschild began to talk about making art in response to the shrinking opportunity for political discourse. They decided to create an event that would invite strong contributions from the Boston artist community and engage the general public. The event would be both a celebration and a benefit for an important social cause. From these discussions, (e)VENT was born. The (e)VENT team chose the ACLU as the project's first beneficiary to support its tireless efforts in defense of human civil liberties. The partnership was begun.

Drawing Game Structure

On the day of the drawing, the gallery walls will be covered with 57 linear feet of drawing paper. This paper will be loosely gridded with text and interpretations from the Patriot Act and about the Patriot Act in order to provide a framework for drawing response. Artists/participants will find a place on the wall and draw.

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Drawing Construction (cont.)

(e)VENT will be structured as a drawing game, with rules designed to reflect aspects of the Patriot Act. We have developed a game structure that will be both fun and informative.

The rules of the game will allow participants much freedom, but there is no guarantee that participants' civil liberties will not be violated! The intent is to "make personal" potential threats to civil liberties posed by the Patriot Act in its present form.

A team of artists called the P.T.A. (Project Team Artists) developed the game concept. This team, along with an expanded group of P.T.A. members, will be on-site during the drawing (e)VENT to assist with the drawing process.

Many gifted professional artists have committed to participate in (e)VENT. The results will be visually profound.

Materials will be provided. These are limited to colored pencils, colored markers, graphite sticks and pencils, and watercolor crayons. Donations of the preceding are encouraged.

For details on (e)VENT including list of participating artists, sponsors, directions, etc. <http://event.green-arrow.net>. A project archive will also be kept at this site.

Viewing and additional Draw-In: Wednesday, May 5 – Friday, May 7.
Hours: 12-5PM.

Benefit Sale: \$100 per square foot. Minimum size is 6" x6" squares for \$50.

Saturday, May 8 2004

6:00 to 9:00 PM

Reception 6-8PM, Distribution of Sold Works 8-9PM.

Suggested donation: \$25 to benefit the ACLU-Mass Branch. Sale proceeds also benefit ACLU-Mass.

Collectors can reserve the part of the drawing that they most want for only \$100 a square foot. First come, First Served. Volunteers will help divide and distribute the drawing so that anyone who wants a piece of artwork that provides material evidence of the first amendment can take it home.

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