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Graphic

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Fredericks Freiser Gallery is pleased to announce a group exhibition of new drawing with a smattering of painting and sculpture. Shawn Cheng (NY), Boyce Cummings(NY), Nick DiGenova(Canada), Kid Acne(UK), Sean McCarthy (NY), Mr. Jago (UK), Tokyoplastic(UK).

"The sleep of reason breeds monsters"--reason may be on the fritz lately but few since Goya have had the imagination and pure linear finesse necessary to tease these monsters out into the light of day. Luckily, our kids have been watching a lot of TV, reading a lot of comics, and living in a world whose walls continuously bleed messages from its own unconscious in the form of graffiti. The children have been watching and learning and building a whole new language from what they find. Seceding from the quiet cycle of recycled aesthetics these artists are reinventing the art of invention from the ground up, exploring every sense of the word graphic--"**Graphic" being, for eyes, what "Loud" is for ears.**

Boyce Cumming's sculptures of toy-sized beasts are graphic intrusions from a world that never was. Sean McCarthy serves up graphically sexual grotesqueries with the delicate, decadent touch of the true pervert. Shawn Cheng's disarmingly simple character designs provide graphic lessons in the violence of line. Tokyo Plastic's blood-spattered albino robots explore the poetics that haunt the edges of computer graphics. Mr. Jago's convulsive, contorted characters and Kid Acne's chronically confused clockwork cuties boil up a frenetic new expressionism in graphic fashion. And then there are Nick DiGenova's fine-lined Darwinian allegories--graphically illustrating the perils of life in this crazy cyborg-eat-cyborg world. The world might be getting worse but, thank god, it will no longer be poorly drawn.

Fredericks Freiser Gallery is located at 504 West 22nd Street, between 10th and 11th Avenues. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11am to 6pm. For further information and/or photographs please contact the gallery by telephone at (212) 633-6555, fax at (212) 367-9502, or email fredericksfreiser@nyc.rr.com. Find more information on Linda Burnham or any of our artists at www.fredericksfreisergallery.com