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Guests

Bill Rock

Public Opening:

Friday, June 7, 2013, 7-9pm

On View:

June 7 – July 20, 2013

In his first exhibition with Civilian Art Projects, Washington, DC based artist **Bill Rock** presents “Guests,” an exhibition of new paintings and drawings on paper.

A guest is a visitor who has come from afar, and perhaps takes lodging for a night (or longer) in a location not his home -- a role Rock extends to the human race here on earth. His drawings and paintings include sketchbook characters, self-portraits, animals, and cocktails. The characters in Rock’s drawings are guests of one type or another,

and continue a storyline from past work that will extend into the future.

Bill Rock received his BA from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in Radio, Television, Film and his MFA in Visual Arts from the Vermont College in Montpelier, VT. He has led courses on color theory, painting, drawing at Georgetown University and Smithsonian Institution, among others. He has had solo exhibitions at Botham Vineyards in Wisconsin; Union Theological Center Gallery, Diadian, and District Fine Arts in Washington DC; David Leonardis, 1800 West, Lannon + Cole Galleries and the Temporary Museum of Art in Chicago, IL; the Emerging Collector Gallery, New York, NY; and the C.R.I.M.E. Gallery in Paris, France. Selected group exhibitions include *Manifest Hope DC Inauguration Exhibition*, Washington DC, 2009; *Inaugural Inspiration Exhibit*, Zenith Gallery, Washington, DC, 2009; *Resurrection - ACCU Conference Exhibit*, Washington D.C. 2004; *The Coaster Project - Destination: The World 2002*, Transcultural Exchange 2003; the *London Biennial - London, England, 2000*, *Transcultural Exchange*; and, *175th Anniversary – Invitational*, George Washington University Washington, DC 1995. His work is in numerous collections including the AB Design Collection in Paris, the Critical Art Ensemble Archive, Smart Studios, Rockoko Studios in Frankfurt, Germany and the Tokyo Museum of Contemporary Art in Tokyo, Japan.

Civilian Art Projects is an art gallery based in Washington, D.C. existing to support the voice and vision of the artist. The gallery is located in the Shaw neighborhood in downtown

Washington near many major museums, galleries, and national treasures. For more information, please visit www.civilianartprojects.com.

For more information or high-resolution images, please contact the gallery.

Public exhibition hours: Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday 1 to 6pm and by appointment.