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SHOP: Art, Commerce and the Printed Image
December 11, 2008 – February 14, 2009

Thursday, December 11

Gallery Talk by the Curator: 5:00pm; Opening Reception: 5:30-7:30pm

PHILADELPHIA: The Print Center announces *SHOP: Art, Commerce and the Printed Image*, a group exhibition bringing together over twenty artists whose work explores the boundaries between fine art and commerce.

SHOP will include dozens of artist-printed works, many created specially for this exhibition, that resemble commercial products – ranging from comics to 'zines, from bags to black light posters. Works in the exhibition include a puzzle by Edna Andrade, a wallet by Chris Duncan, mugs by Eleanor Grosch, cocktail napkins by Nancy Lewis, lampshades by Virgil Marti, a bean bag chair by Lauren Rossi, an oversized ruler by Shelley Spector and many others.

SHOP is a collaborative undertaking between The Print Center's exhibition program and Gallery Store. Artists in the exhibition that are currently represented by the Gallery Store include: Katie Baldwin, Candy Depew, Angela Earley, Dennis McNett, Bill McRight, Art Spiegelman and Andrew Jeffrey Wright. The Print Center Gallery Store presents a curated selection of original works from over seventy local, national and international artist-members, and offers the most extensive selection of contemporary prints and photographs in Philadelphia. Through the Gallery Store The Print Center supports emerging and established artists by displaying and promoting their work.

SHOP: Art, Commerce and the Printed Image will be on view at The Print Center from December 11, 2008 – February 14, 2009. The opening reception is Thursday, December 11 from 5:30-7:30pm, with a gallery talk by The Print Center's Curator of Prints and Photographs, John Caperton, at 5:00pm.

Special Event: TALK SHOP, Tuesday, December 16, 6:00-8:00pm.

The Contemporaries: Young Friends of The Print Center will host a special event, TALK SHOP, in conjunction with the exhibition *SHOP*. TALK SHOP will be an all access pass to the eclectic and exciting show and a perfect opportunity to find unique holiday gifts. Guests will have the opportunity to mingle with the artists while sipping on complimentary holiday inspired cocktails created by a local mixologist. There will be a 10% discount on all purchases made that night. Members: Free, Non-members: \$10.

The Print Center supports printmaking and photography as vital contemporary arts and encourages the appreciation of the printed image in all its forms. The Print Center presents a variety of programs for the public including exhibitions; The Print Center Gallery Store, which offers the largest and most diverse selection of contemporary prints in Philadelphia; the longest running annual international competition for prints and photographs in the country; and an extensive series of education programs and special events.

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