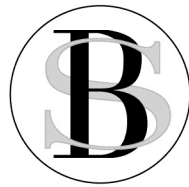


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MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES: A COLLECTION OF PORTRAITS BY ANTONY ZITO ON DISPLAY AT GALLERYBAR ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE

A Showcase Of The Artist's Work From July 15 – September 7, 2009

New York, NY (July 7, 2009) –Visionary Lower East Side artist Antony Zito returns to GalleryBar (120 Orchard Street between Rivington and Delancey) with a new exhibit of portraits entitled *Multiple Personalities* from July 15th – September 7th. Twenty of Zito's best works, painted in various styles and mediums, will be on display at the Lower East Side space, which will double as his studio for the summer. Highlights will include a large-scale portrait of President Obama (enamel on masonite, 48" x 96") as well as a 2006 piece entitled "Mercedes" (enamel and latex on found canvas). In the evenings and on Sundays when Orchard Street is closed off to pedestrian traffic, Zito will offer his signature 15-minute watercolor portraits to patrons on a suggested donation basis. These portraits will be incorporated into the show daily, expanding it by hundreds over the course of the summer.

Patrons who choose to pay the full suggested donation price of \$100 for their watercolor portrait will then be entered into a drawing to win a large scale painting (4'x5') created to their own specifications by the sought-after artist from a photo provided by the winner. As a Zito original, the piece will be valued at \$10,000. Zito will also be painting quick-draw acrylic portraits on found materials for patrons who wish to have their image duplicated on a mirror, door, chair or other surface. Purchasers of these works will also be entered into the end-of-summer drawing (scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, September 2nd) and have their piece incorporated into the exhibit.

Throughout the course of Zito's show, GalleryBar will host a number of performance events including a live jazz combo at the exhibit's opening on July 15th from 7-10pm. This will be followed by Reverend Jen's Anti-Slam (a live poetry and spoken word freak out), Art Battles (a live painting competition), and many more. In conjunction with Zito's summer exhibit, GalleryBar will also feature "Cocktail Hour" Monday through Friday where the venue will offer 50% off all specialty cocktails between 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm. Cocktail Hour provides the ideal opportunity for New Yorkers to socialize with friends while reveling in the prolific work of New York artist Antony Zito.

"Zito can capture your essence by painting on a found object for 20 minutes more effectively than more formal and pretentious artists can do by fussing on a canvas for weeks. A genius!" - Michael Musto of the Village Voice.

About GalleryBar:

Owned by Darin Rubell and Josh Boyd, GalleryBar is one of the Lower East Side's most unique venues. Located at 120 Orchard Street, GalleryBar is a traditional art gallery space by day, exhibiting works from both emerging and established artists. In the evenings, GalleryBar transitions into a bi-level lounge, boasting two separate bars on each floor. GalleryBar offers the opportunity to socialize with friends while experiencing the newest offerings on the art scene, making it an ideal marriage of nightlife and culture.

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