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SHIFT EXHIBITION OPENS AT PARK ART CENTER

Showcasing artists who blur the line between their occupation and their art.

VILLA PARK, Illinois-December 28, 2015 - The Park Art Center opens its first curated exhibition *SHIFT* with a reception January 8th, 6:00-8:00pm. The exhibit features three artists who blur the lines between their occupation and their art-making. "These artists embrace their medium to an extreme level. Exploring it at work, for hours each day, as well as experimenting in off-hours to truly understand the expressive nature of their medium." said Faith Humphrey Hill, Board Member and Curator of the exhibit. The three artists include Jacob Fishman, Carey Overstreet, and Ted Strandt.

Jacob Fishman has been a neon sign maker and is currently a well-respected neon conservator for major art museums. In his studio he explores the boundaries of neon. Seeking inspiration from his career, family, and love of neon itself. Fishman's artwork reflects on his experiences as a sign maker and his family. With the neon field shrinking with the popularity of LED, Fishman has expanded to experimental techniques in the neon medium.

Carey Overstreet was a property owner, with a fine arts background. Seeing the potential of the things around him he repurposed the drop cloths from his renovations, stretched them and painted abstract or representational paintings on them. He doesn't cover the original drips embracing the history of the canvas.

Ted Strandt is a stone-carver who spent his career engraving gravestones. After completing his jobs he uses his tools to make expressive sculptures of his own design. Often inspired by folktales and stories, a sense of history is present in his works. Once established in his art-making and career he learned that several generations of his ancestors were also stone-carvers further expanding his enthusiasm for history.

Opening reception of Shift, free and open to the public January 8th, 6:00-8:00pm

The exhibition continues from January 5-February 1 open for viewing during gallery hours.

About Park Art Center

The Park Art Center is a 501(c) 3 non-profit devoted to fostering the appreciation and expression of the arts among diverse audiences. We are a community-based organization dedicated to providing access to the arts for people of all ages and backgrounds through art education, exhibition, and collaborative projects.

Park Art Center

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