



F@#K Brain Cancer

Special Exhibition and Silent Auction Fundraiser for Patrick Short

WHERE: Ro2 Art Downtown Projects
110 N. Akard (between Main and Elm)
Dallas, Texas 75201

WHEN: December 13-14, 2012

RECEPTION and AUCTION Event: Friday, December 14, 2012, 7-9pm

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Dallas, TX (November 30, 2012) — Ro2 Art and Joshua Goode are hosting a special exhibit and silent auction to raise money for Patrick Short, a young contemporary artist and Dallas native who has recently been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Art will be on view beginning Thursday, December 13, with a reception and silent auction taking place Friday, December 14, from 7-9pm at Ro2 Art Downtown Projects, 110 N. Akard in Dallas, TX. Bidding will be for ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Artists donating work from around the country, whose lives Patrick has affected include: Anne Albagli (San Francisco), Lynne Allen (Boston), Jesse Morgan Barnett (Dallas), Jennifer Caine (Boston), Dana Clancy (Boston), Kristen Cochran (Dallas), Hannah Cole (NYC), Deborah Cornell (Boston), Matthew Cusick (Dallas), Gabriel Dawe (Dallas), Erika Duque (Fort Worth), Carolina Duque (NYC), Sarah Edwards (San Francisco), Cassandra Emswiler (Dallas), Gary Farrelly (Ireland), Leah Foster (NYC), Michael Garguilo (Detroit), Joshua Goode (Dallas), Jill Grimes (Boston), Monica Gunderson (NYC), Rachel Hellman (Boston), Elizabeth Livingston (NYC), Lindsay McCulloch (Washington DC), Lydia Musco (Boston), Dushko Petrovich (Boston), Teresa Rafidi (Dallas), Harold Reddicliffe (Boston), Richard Raiselis (Boston), Ryder Richards (Dallas), Richard Ryan (Boston), Lucia Simek (Dallas), Lisa Townley (Boston), Andrew Douglas Underwood (Dallas), Bartek Walicki (NYC), Andrew Wick (Dallas), and many more to be announced.

Patrick is 26 and has recently been diagnosed with stage three Anaplastic Oligodendroglioma, a very rare and aggressive form of brain cancer. He needs our help. If his name sounds familiar, it's because he is the artist who founded and directed the non-profit alternative art space Guerilla Arts in Dallas, Texas. This was a space that provided pivotal early support for and the opportunity for growth and experimentation to artists such as: Gabriel Dawe, Gary Farrelly, Shawn Smith, Jennifer Caine, Anne Albagli, and Leah Foster among others. Guerilla Arts was awarded Best New Gallery by D Magazine in 2011, just before it closed.

Related media articles from the glory days of Guerilla Arts

[D Magazine - The Best of Everything - 2011](#)

[FrontRow: "RIP Guerilla Arts: What a Short Lived Alternative Space Says About Dallas' Art Scene"](#)

[KERA Art+Seek: Video: Inside Guerilla Arts, with Patrick Short](#)

[FrontRow: "A Funerary Installation at Guerilla Arts Reveals New Life in The Dallas Art Scene"](#)

Patrick Short's Personal Account of his last six months...

"At 3:30 pm my phone made a noise while heading to the Katy Trail with my mom for our Monday run. It's the same gentle noise my phone always makes when I receive an email, only this time that little noise notified me that I had been accepted for study at the Yale Graduate School of Architecture. Everything I had worked for over the prior four years had come to fruition and for the first time in my adult life I knew I was exactly where I was supposed to be.

Everything was perfect. I moved to New Haven a month early to take care of my living arrangements and dove into the summer program with buckets of excitement and direction.

I began to have problems that I couldn't understand. Things that were coming easy to everyone else were extremely difficult for me...things like learning computer programs...and writing an essay...and seeing my computer screen. After 18 hours a day in the studio it was decided at the end of the five week prep course that I was not performing to expectation and I was denied my prior acceptance to the University.

I was lost. I was angry. I didn't understand what was going on or what had happened.

On October 23 I waited in the Emergency Room at Yale-New Haven Medical for six hours. I had begun to have double vision and it had persisted for ten days without improvement. I had no health insurance since my expulsion from Yale and was worried about the symptoms I had, and more worried that they were not getting better.

My concern about double vision was short lived. Within 24 hours I was given a CT scan and an MRI and prepped for surgery to remove a malignant tumor the size of a tangerine that had grown very quickly and aggressively in the front left lobe of my brain. The pathology report was a stage three Anaplastic Oligodendroglioma and was much more invasive than the initial imaging showed. The tumor was rooted in the part of my brain that controlled my motor control, speech, and processing. Needless to say, it explained the difficulty I encountered while attending Yale a month prior.

Due to the sensitive location, the tumor could not be entirely removed. As it was, the surgeon told my family to be prepared for paralysis and impaired speech because of how aggressively it had to be operated on. This is not a cancer that goes away. Once I heal from surgery I will start chemotherapy and radiation treatment in an effort to manage the remaining cancerous cells. With this treatment I am expected to live another three to five years.

I've exhausted my financial resources moving to New Haven and living here for the last 6 months. While I am undergoing treatment I will not be able to work and will require assisted living. The suggested treatment plan is over a year. "

About Ro2 Art

Mother-and-son partners Susan Roth Romans and Jordan Roth operate Ro2 Art, a full-service gallery and consultancy with spaces in the Uptown and Downtown areas of Dallas, working with a diverse group of contemporary artists, most with ties to the North Texas Region. At present, Ro2 focuses on the exhibition and sale of work in all visual media, through a fine art gallery at 1408 Elm Street in Downtown Dallas, an intimate project space, steps away at historic Kirby Building and exhibition programs in partnership with The West Village neighborhood of Uptown Dallas and The Town of Addison.

All works will be on view December 13-14, 2012. Please join us for the reception and silent auction event on **Friday, December 14 from 7 to 9pm** at Ro2 Art Downtown Projects, located at 110 N. Akard Street, between Main and Elm. For more information, visit www.Ro2art.com or call Jordan Roth at (214) 803-9575.

For further information about Patrick Short's Cancer Fund, visit the campaign online at: <http://ro2.us/patrickshort>

IMAGES



Patrick Short (third from left) at Guerilla Arts opening exhibition, 2009



Guerrilla Arts, 2009 - Community cleanup effort before Opening



Patrick Short, November 2012

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