

ROBERT BERMAN GALLERY

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Mr. Fish presented in conjunction with truthdig

EXHIBITION: August 6, 2011 – August 27, 2011
RECEPTION: Saturday, August 6, 2011 6:00pm – 9:00pm
LOCATION: Bergamot Station Arts Center
2525 Michigan Ave. / D5 Gallery
Santa Monica, CA 90404
GALLERY HOURS: 11 – 6, Tuesday - Saturday
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“Behold the cartoons in Go Fish: there is no more savage yet brilliant wit than that possessed by Mr. Fish, who will never compromise on his deep artistic insight or the outrageous honesty of his social commentary. In a sellout culture he is that rare witness for unfettered truth.” - Robert Scheer, Editor in Chief, truthdig and author of The Great American Stickup.

ROBERT BERMAN GALLERY is pleased to present the original drawings and unique multiples of Dwayne Booth aka Mr. Fish - political cartoonist and author of GO FISH (how to win contempt and influence people.)

In the appendix of his book, Mr. Fish dissects the journalistic responsibility he faces as a cartoonist to make it make sense. It being his raw emotional output in response to a given stimuli (government, society, et al) manifesting itself via pen on paper without regard to the cleverly pointed punchline that will accompany and ultimately define it. In his inaugural gallery show, he eschews that responsibility; the political cartoons hanging vulnerably on the walls in their original illustrated state, stripped of any captioning and absolute clarity. If the objective of a political cartoonist is to speak clearly than the goal of this exhibition is to express freely. The drawings are a celebration of the technical mastery and unbridled emotional truth of Dwayne Booth – the Clark Kent to Superman’s Mr. Fish.

Mr. Fish has been a freelance writer and cartoonist for eighteen years, publishing under both his real name (Dwayne Booth) and the penname of Mr. Fish with many of the nation's most reputable and prestigious magazines, journals, and newspapers. In addition to his weekly cartoon for *Harper's* and daily contributions to Truthdig, he has also contributed to the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Village Voice*, the *LA Weekly*, the *Atlantic*, the *Huffington Post*, *The Nation*, *Vanity Fair*, *Mother Jones*, the *Advocate*, *Z Magazine*, the *Utne Reader*, *Slate.com*, *MSNBC.com*, and others. He has also worked for National Public Radio. In May 2008 he was presented with a first place award by the Los Angeles Press Club for editorial cartooning. In May 2010 he was awarded the prestigious Sigma Delta Chi Award for Editorial Cartooning from the Society of Professional Journalists and most recently won the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Award in May of 2011. He lives in Philadelphia with his wife and twin daughters.

Mr. Fish and Robert Scheer will be in attendance at the opening reception to sign and discuss GO FISH, the debut volume of political cartoons and essays in which most of the exhibited work is published. 10% of all opening night sales (Saturday, August 6, 2011) will benefit truthdig.

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