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PRESENTS:



*Floor Scraper*, 2015  
folded, cut, and glued archival digital print  
16.5 x 6.5 x 1 inches

Portland, OR - March 16th, 2015 -

*One Grand Gallery*, a contemporary art and design gallery, is excited to present ***Counterfeit Universe***, a solo exhibition by Mario Gallucci. One Grand will be showcasing Gallucci's contemporary, hyper-detailed photographic sculptures and invites the viewer to uncover the perceptive truth behind the work on their own.

Mario Gallucci is a Portland-based artist, originally from Greensboro, North Carolina. He holds a BA from Elon University in acting and digital art and an MFA in Visual Studies from Pacific Northwest College of Art. He has shown nationally and internationally and has received a Silver ADDY for photography, a North Carolina Artist's Hub Grant, and a project Grant from Portland's Regional Arts and Culture Council. Mario currently works as the Documentation Coordinator and Multimedia Archivist for PNCA and as a Registrar/Gallery Assistant at Upfor. ***Counterfeit Universe*** is generously funded in part by the Regional Arts & Culture Council.

***Counterfeit Universe*** is about the copy of a copy. It is about belief in surface, attitudes towards brands, our relation to objects, and a deep personal affection towards the mundane. Gallucci's work looks at the human condition as it relates to surrounding objects. His process, a combination of photography, sculptural pattern-making, and recreation on a 1:1 scale, allows his sculptural photographs to operate in a liminal space between existence and representation. This casts even the mundane in a new light, questions their significance, symbology, value, and the relational affect on the human condition.

Like a magician pulling a rabbit out of a hat, an important part of Gallucci's art relies on the impressions and reactions of the viewer. There will be tricks and illusions, but each is backed by a meditation on perception and reality, light-hearted wit, and meticulous craftsmanship. One Grand invites you to get lost in the world of Gallucci's ***Counterfeit Universe***, to judge both what you perceive, and how you perceive it.

## **COUNTERFEIT UNIVERSE**

April 3rd - 24th, 2015

### **Opening Reception**

Friday, April 3rd at 7:00PM

### **Gallery Hours**

#### **One Grand Gallery**

1000 E Burnside, Portland, OR, 97214

Wednesday - Sunday 11:00AM-6:00 PM

or by appointment

*Founded in 2012, One Grand Gallery is a contemporary art and design gallery, a publisher, an agent of creative instigation and a producer of art objects. For more information, visit [www.onegrandgallery.com](http://www.onegrandgallery.com), [www.instagram.com/OneGrandGallery](http://www.instagram.com/OneGrandGallery), and [www.facebook.com/OneGrandGallery](http://www.facebook.com/OneGrandGallery).*

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