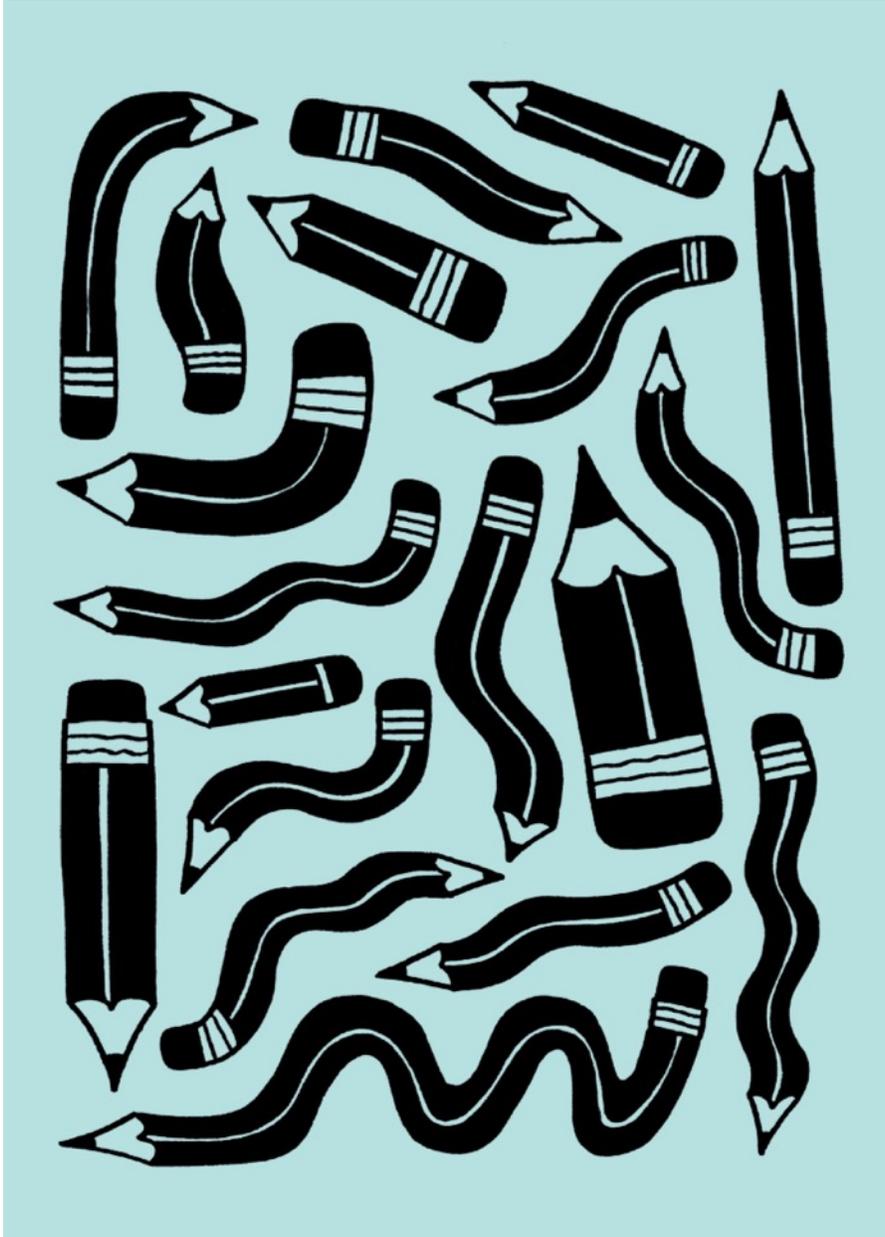


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Portland, OR - September 21st, 2015 -

“Anyone can make the simple complicated. Creativity is making the complicated simple.” –Charles Mingus

One Grand Gallery presents ***Simplexity***, a solo exhibition from Portland-based illustrator, artist and educator Ryan Bubnis. This marks Bubnis’ first solo exhibition with the gallery, and will feature a series of new paintings, drawings and ceramics.

Bold, graphic and whimsical in approach, Bubnis' current work focuses on the simplification of shape and form. The title of the exhibition refers to his process of art making. Bubnis' current role as an arts educator has had a major impact on his recent work. The artist explains, "I'm often at odds with my knowledge of art making versus my intuition. I'm constantly critiquing work in order to discover what makes a successful image. As a result, I've pared-down and simplified my imagery with an emphasis on shape-based art making."

The images are iconic, accessible and simplistic in their aesthetic. That being said, Bubnis spends countless hours researching, sketching, drawing and problem solving. That's where the complexity comes in. Bubnis asks, "Why is it so difficult to make something simple? How can an unplanned, intuitive drawing contain as much or more vitality than a large-scale painting that took months to plan and execute? That's what I'm trying to figure out. That's what keeps me making things."

"Simplicity is complexity resolved." –Constantin Brancusi

Equally influenced by DIY culture, art history, illustration and design, Bubnis takes cues from the likes of Alexander Girard, Matisse and Stuart Davis.

Bubnis has collaborated with a number of commercial clients and agencies and his work has been exhibited across the U.S. and abroad. Some of his clients include, Adobe, Buy Olympia, Coca-Cola, Dreamville/Interscope Records, Guster, Singha and Starbucks. He is currently an Assistant Professor at The Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland, Oregon.

SIMPLEXITY

October 2nd - 30th, 2015

Opening Reception

Friday, October 2nd from 7:00 - 10:00PM

Gallery Hours

One Grand Gallery

1000 E Burnside, Portland, OR, 97214

Wednesday - Sunday 12:00-6:00PM

or by appointment

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