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Objects, Images, Signs, & Symbols

Martinez E-B



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Reception August 16, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.



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The Art Center Highland Park is proud to announce a forthcoming exhibition by artist Martinez E-B titled *Objects, Images, Signs, & Symbols*. Martinez E-B is a multi-disciplinary artist whose work takes a closer look at the relationship between people and the objects and imagery that identify us, tell our histories, and at times hold us hostage.

A native of inner-city Cleveland, OH, Martinez E-B simulates the cultural/social/political fog of his upbringing through his artistic practice. He is intrigued by the way beliefs and values are absorbed by people without thinking or questioning them. *Objects, Images, Signs, & Symbols* will continue his exploration of signs, symbols, and other artifacts of our day that we barely give a second thought to. "My work seeks to force an examination of those unquestioned things," says E-B, "especially by considering the aura and authority that objects and images can have for particular groups of people." E-B's exhibition will feature video, sound, painting and writing.

Martinez E-B lives and works out of Chicago, IL and has shown his work in numerous exhibits nationally. E-B has illustrated and authored books and has had the privilege of seeing his pieces adapted for theater. His work has been featured in *The New York Times* "SERIAL" Productions season 3 (in collaboration with Moth Studio, London), and *ARTFORUM* International Magazine Critics' Picks. He received his B.F.A. from Cleveland Institute of Art, M.A. in Interdisciplinary Arts from Columbia College Chicago, and is currently finalizing his M.F.A at Vermont College of Fine Arts.



E-B is one of the founders of the Equity Literacy Project by Harper College, and has held seats on both the Kent State University's Culturally Responsive panel and the Cleveland Arts Education Consortium panel with the goal to help nourish conversations on equitable practices and inclusion. He has also been a lead artist of The Social Justice Think Tank at CASE Western Reserve University

Objects, Images, Signs, & Symbols will open with a public reception on Friday, August 16, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM at The Art Center Highland Park, 1957 Sheridan Road, Highland Park. This event is free and open to the public. For more information visit www.theartcenterhp.org.

Image: *Bears and Bandannas: Somerset (series 105)* by Martinez E-B
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