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Corey Helford Gallery
presents



RISK and NATHAN OTA

"INNOCENCE LOST"



OPENING RECEPTION SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, FROM 7-10PM
ON VIEW FEBRUARY 15 - MARCH 8, 2014

Culver City (February 15, 2014) - On **Saturday, February 15, 2014**, Corey Helford Gallery presents "**Innocence Lost**," a new exhibition by LA based graffiti artists, **RISK and NATHAN OTA**. "Innocence Lost" is a show that explores the artist before he or she become an artist. That magical moment, where you are mesmerized by the power and mystique of art. It also explores those pivotal moments when things become all too real.

Risk and Nathan Ota have painted together since they met in high school. They have tried to capture the feeling they had as adolescents embarking on an artistic life long journey: what they felt and could only imagine for their future. They have done many retrospective shows of where they have come from to their current place in the art world. This show, however, will be what they would have felt prior to embarking on their artistic journey. Their work will be much more raw and loose. Risk will be exploring his current Collateral Damage body of work and Nathan will be painting inquisitive adolescent images that provoke thought yet feel pleasantly comfortable.

The opening reception for "Innocence Lost" takes place Saturday, February 15, from 7-10pm at Corey Helford Gallery. The reception is open to the public, and the exhibition will be on view through March 8, 2014.

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RISK

In a career spanning 29 years, RISK has impacted the evolution of graffiti as an art form in Los Angeles and worldwide. RISK gained major notoriety for his unique style and pushed the limits of graffiti further than any writer in L.A. had before: He was one of the first writers in Southern California to paint freight trains, and he pioneered writing on "heavens," or freeway overpasses. At the peak of his career he took graffiti from the streets and into the gallery with the launch of the Third Rail series of art shows, and later parlayed the name into the first authentic line of graffiti inspired clothing. RISK has continued to work on numerous Hollywood projects for movie and music video sets, including the film Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure and videos for The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Ice Cube, Bad Religion and Michael Jackson. Today, RISK is still involved with graffiti, and shows his work worldwide. In 2011, RISK was a featured artist in Jeffrey Deitch's Art In the Streets, the first comprehensive museum survey of graffiti and street art. For more information about the artist, please visit riskrock.com.

NATHAN OTA

Nathan Ota is an artist born and raised in Los Angeles. Since his early days as one of the early members of West Coast Artists, the seminal west coast graffiti crew, his art has traveled beyond the streets and on to the editorial pages of national publications and have been shown in galleries around the world. Nathan's most recent highlights include a clothing line with Hurley, the publication of IKIRU, a full overview of Nathan's career, by Zero+Publishing. "Innocence Lost" is Nathan's third major show with Risk since reconnecting four years ago. Nathan currently teaches at Otis College of Design and Santa Monica College. For more information about the artist, please visit nathanota.com.

COREY HELFORD GALLERY

Located in the Culver City Art District, Corey Helford Gallery was established in 2006 by Jan Corey Helford and her husband, television producer and creator, Bruce Helford (Anger Management, The Drew Carey Show, George Lopez, The Oblongs). Corey Helford Gallery represents a diverse collection of Contemporary artists influenced by today's pop culture, encompassing the genres of New Figurative, Pop Surreal, Graffiti and Street Art. Artists include Josh Agle (Shag), Ray Caesar, D*Face, Chloe Early, EINE, Ron English, Natalia Fabia, HUSH, Kukulula, Lola, The London Police, Sylvia Ji, Eric Joyner, Michael Mararian, Brandi Milne, Buff Monster, Risk, Amy Sol, Martin Wittfooth and Kazuki Takamatsu. Renowned for its notable exhibitions, the gallery has presented "Charity By Numbers," which was co-curated by Gary Baseman and featured an unprecedented lineup of artists including Mark Ryden, Marion Peck, Shepard Fairey, Todd and Kathy Schorr, Camille Rose Garcia, and Michael Huszar, as well as "La Noche de la Fusion," an epic Carnavalesque festival and solo exhibition for Pervasive artist Gary Baseman. In 2010, Corey Helford Gallery partnered with Bristol's City Museum & Art Gallery for the transatlantic collaboration "Art From The New World," a world-class United Kingdom museum exhibition showcasing work by a formidable group of 49 of the finest emerging and noted American artists. Corey Helford Gallery presents new exhibitions approximately every four weeks. For more information and an upcoming exhibition schedule, please visit coreyhelfordgallery.com.

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