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ARTS PICK | LIVE FREE WITH GUYS

By Ashley Lopez

Young Sons is a collaboration between two painters that blends distinctly expressive approaches to create stimulating and energetic pieces. The duo consists of Austin artist and designer Drew Liverman, and Michael Ricioppo, an artist who works in all mediums and is

based in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Beginning May 13, Austinites can see this duo's work in "Live Free with Guys (<http://co-labprojects.org/upcomingexhibitions>)," a multi-media exhibition presented by the artist-run nonprofit, Co-Lab Projects.

The Young Sons exhibition will include a mural on the corner of Congress Avenue and East 8th Street, as well as a first look at some of their newest pieces on display in the storefront windows of 721 Congress Ave. "The inspiration behind 'Live Free with Guys' is to do something in the public sphere that suggests freedom and recklessness," the artists explain. "We want to stop people for a second on the street and make them think, 'Oh weird, that can happen, too?'"

"Live Free with Guys" kicks off during the West Austin Studio Tour. WEST, a free, self-guided tour put on by local arts nonprofit Big Medium, occurs over the second and third weekends of May. Like its sister event, the East Austin Studio Tour, WEST invites Austinites to step inside the workspaces of local artists, and engage with all dimensions of the artistic process.

"Live Free with Guys" opens May 13 and runs until June 30. The West Austin Studio Tour runs May 14-15 and 21-22.

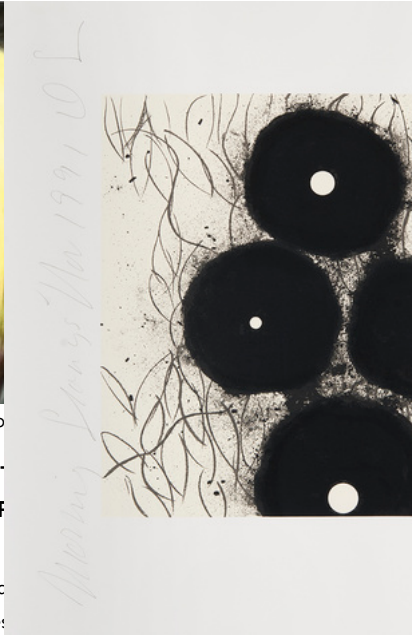
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