



Pockets Warhol's Art Collective

Sunderland, Ontario (March 13, 2017) – For 17 years, the volunteers of Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary have worked tirelessly to provide a permanent home and place of safety for primates rescued from the exotic pet trade and biomedical experimentation.

Along with 17 other monkeys, Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary is home to two famous monkeys: Darwin (the IKEA monkey) and Pockets Warhol (the capuchin who creates collectible paintings).

Pockets, a white-capped capuchin monkey, was surrendered to the sanctuary after his life as a pet in a private home failed. Charmaine Quinn, a sanctuary volunteer, realizing his similarity in looks to Andy Warhol, named him Pockets Warhol. She then used painting as a means of enrichment. He now paints with both hands but seems to be primarily left-handed, keeping his right hand free for his favourite snack – cashews.

Pockets has been painting with his muse Charmaine since 2010 and his art has created interest around the world. His work has been exhibited in galleries in Finland, Italy and Estonia as well as Canada. His work and his story have been featured in newspapers, magazines, and on TV internationally. Owners of his artwork include Dr. Jane Goodall, Ricky Gervais, and Esther the Wonder Pig.

Pockets' talent and his fame have now brought together well known artists from around the world to support the sanctuary. Thanks to the influence of Anita Kunz, over 80 renowned artists have donated over 100 pieces of art to be sold to raise funds for the sanctuary. The famous and celebrated artists include Fear and Loathing artist Ralph Steadman (UK), cartoonist Terry Mosher / Aislin (Canada), artist, playwright and performer Cynthia von Buhler (NY), multiple TIME magazine cover artist Tim O'Brien, artist and animal rights activist Sue Coe (NY), brilliant New Yorker cover artist Barry Blitt (NY), artist and photographer Yuri Dojc (Toronto) and, of course, Anita Kunz.

Anita Kunz, whose illustrations have been published on the covers of Rolling Stone, The New Yorker, Time and countless other publications, and whose work is on permanent display at several museums around the world, also has been awarded the Order of Canada. Anita's love for Pockets and his art began with a visit to Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary and they have now collaborated on a number of pieces of art.

Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary, the only monkey sanctuary in Canada, is totally dependent on donations. This sanctuary constantly strives to improve the lives of monkeys who have suffered before arriving at the sanctuary. Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary relentlessly works to update and enhance the monkeys'

surroundings, to monitor their health as they age, and to enrich their lives by keeping them busy. That enrichment was how Pockets found his artistic talent.

We are honoured to display and sell this tremendous collection of art at The Papermill Gallery, Todmorden Mills, Toronto starting with an opening event on Thursday, April 6th, 2017 at 7pm. The art will be on display until Sunday, April 16th with selected pieces available via on-line auction.

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