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# **Fresh A.I.R. Gallery**

Presents

## ***SPEAKING IN TONGUES***

Artwork Chase Bowman

*(digital images available upon request)*

Columbus, Ohio – 43215, Fresh A.I.R. Gallery (Artists in Recovery) presents Speaking In Tongues, artwork by Chase Bowman.

**Please join us for the artist’s opening reception on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Fresh A.I.R. Gallery. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery is located at 131 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 and our hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The exhibition will run until November 14, 2014.**

Bowman is a recent MFA graduate of Columbus College of Art & Design and a current Gabr Fellow traveling around the world. “I’ve always been volatile, inconsistent, and insecure. Because of this, I’ve never gotten the grasp of interacting with other people in accepted ways and struggle with maintaining my sense of my place in the world. Beginning at a very young age, I turned to comic books, adventure stories, and other forms of entertainment to help me navigate the complex ways that people engage one another.

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Eventually, what started out as a crutch became my primary way of viewing the world: normally sad, boring, frightening or confusing situations could be turned into a grand adventure with a very definite sense of good and evil, morals to be upheld and injustice to be thwarted. Speaking in Tongues uses the backdrop and cultural memories of my native West Virginia to communicate the ways that I use colorful, cartoonish, and outlandish proxies to situate myself in my own life by turning the situations that have impacted me into stories that I can share with others.” States Bowman. <http://chase-bowman.com/>

Fresh A.I.R. Gallery’s mission is to exhibit the works of these individuals affected by mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders. Through art, we educate the community and work to break down the stigma of mental illness by bringing focus to the artistic vision. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery is operated by Southeast Inc. Southeast Inc. is a comprehensive provider of mental health, chemical dependency, physical healthcare and homeless services that has been serving Columbus since 1978 and five surrounding counties. Southeast’s telephone number is (614) 225-0980 or Fax (614) 225-0986 or visit <http://www.southeastinc.com/freshair>.

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