



PRESS RELEASE: Red Star Press

Red Star Press presents *This is China* at BLVD Gallery, Seattle, Washington

December 12, 2008 – December 20, 2008

Red Star Press proudly presents *This is China*, a group exhibition featuring China's most exciting and cutting edge urban and graffiti artists. *This is China* is an exploration of key issues affecting China's economy, environment, and culture through the eyes of the people. The exhibit will showcase new artwork by 0528, Steel Dan, Soos, Cui Nan, Ha Shiyou, Zhang Qitian, Popil, Shen Jingdong, and Yang Jun.

Graffiti is considered a serious crime in China, and violators incur harsh penalties from the government. Ironically, the Chinese government recently commissioned a number of public graffiti pieces during the 2008 Olympics to portray positive messages about China and the Olympic games. Local graffiti artists were outraged that their art form was used as a government propaganda tool and wanted to do something about it. *This is China* is a showcase of graffiti and urban art by Chinese artists without the influence of the Chinese government.

The show will also feature special collaboration pieces between Chinese and non-Chinese urban and graffiti artists. Confirmed artists include Presto (Brazil), Pure Evil (UK), Josh Keyes (USA), Bast (USA), and SPQR (UK.) UK Based graffiti artist Pure Evil is no stranger to the Chinese graffiti art scene as he held a solo show in Beijing in 2007. Pure Evil recently stated, "I visited Beijing in November and I was blown away...it completely surpassed all expectations I had. China is at a tipping point now, and it's a fascinating place to be...the art reflects this paradigm shift." Pure Evil will be collaborating with Chinese artist, Zhang Qitian, to produce a piece that addresses China's economy.

The exhibit will run from December 12, 2008 through December 20, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily.

About Red Star Press:

Founded in 2007, Red Star Press is a Chinese Contemporary art collective that promotes and sells Chinese urban and graffiti art. The main goal of Red Star Press is to bring Chinese urban art and Chinese graffiti art to the masses. Red Star Press' offices are located in Beijing, China and Seattle, Washington.

Visitor Information:

BLVD Gallery
2316 Second Avenue
Seattle, WA 98121

Opening Reception: December 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Dates: December 12, 2008 – December 20, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Admission: Free

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