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SURREALIST ARTIST DEBUTS MARCH 30 ON MELROSE AVENUE
After 20 years in hiding, surrealist artist
Stone Malone announces first public exhibition

MARCH 8, 2013 - LOS ANGELES, CA . To mark the twentieth anniversary of **%Masterpiece,** artist Stone Malone will be publicly exhibiting his work for the first time.

The Stone Malone Gallery, located in the heart of the world-famous Melrose District, launches this month with the One + 2 exhibit, a series of pieces from across the artist's mixed-media collection of oil paintings, ink-and-pencil drawings, and photographs.

On Saturday, March 30 from 9 p.m. to midnight, the gallery will host the first of a monthly series of public events to introduce the artist and his work to the public. Raffle tickets are \$35 and will include drinks, an autographed poster, and a chance to win an original Stone Malone oil painting.

Best described as a surrealist with a comic-book flare, Malone has developed an underground cult following for incredibly detailed and elaborate paintings that are recreations of his early work in ink-and-color pencil. His art is also known for bold experiments in color and his trademark use of eyes. The artist created many of the works using a unique 360-degree technique so that each piece could be rotated multiple times and appreciated from many angles.

"My art is pop art, not the wine and cheese shit. They say the average time looking at a piece of art is about 3.5 seconds. I'd love to see them say that about my stuff!" Stone Malone says. **%My favorite complement was being called "The Cartoon Picasso."**

Stone honed his art for more than twenty years, quietly gaining a cult following despite never publically displaying his work. After pressure from family, friends and fans, Stone felt that the twentieth anniversary of his first creation, **%Masterpiece,** was the time to make his debut.

The Stone Malone Gallery is located at 7619 ½ Melrose Avenue in the heart of the Melrose District. Gallery hours and more information are available at StoneMalone.com.

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