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**“YARD DOG AT FIRECAT”  
SET TO EXHIBIT AT FIRECAT PROJECTS IN BUCKTOWN ON  
SATURDAY, JUNE 8**



*Kurt Herrman, John Glenn (left) and Gus Grissom (right), acrylic on wood, each 5” x 3.5” x .75”, 2013*

**CHICAGO, IL** -- Firecat Projects will be featuring Austin-based gallery, Yard Dog, and a collection of their “best of” works on Saturday, June 8 from 5-8PM, followed by a musical performance at Fitzgerald’s in Berwyn, IL. at 9PM.

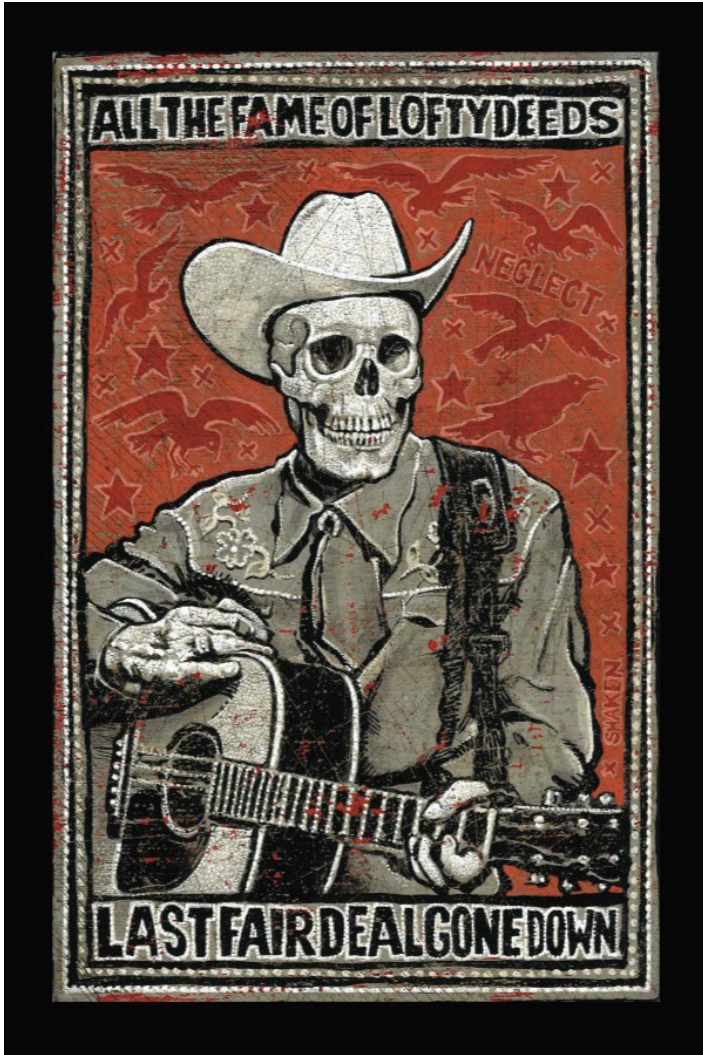
Firecat will be presenting Yard Dog art gallery and a showcase of 7 folk artists including two Chicago locals, Tony Fitzpatrick and Jon Langford. Other headliners will include Kurt Herrmann, Mike Egan, Camp Bosworth, and Bill Miller. A pre-showing of the work will be made viewable to the public on Tuesday, June 4.

Yard Dog is a Southern-based art gallery functioning on a non-traditional gallery model. The artists they display are part of their permanent collection, and are chosen based on the representation of what Yard Dog attributes their beginnings to - Southern Folk art. The majority of featured art is not local, but rather taken from other regions of the U.S. and Canada, forming a diverse collection in the heart of the South.

Yard Dog opened their doors in 1995 with an invested interest in specializing in folk art; however expanding their artistic niche to contemporary arts, and maintaining (Southern) folk art as their guide to aesthetic decisions. Owner Randy Franklin says, “All of the artists [here] have a folkish sensibility.”

Franklin notes that he began his relationships as a gallery through close friends, and was fortunate to develop a strong connection in the Chicago community. Franklin will be in Chicago personally to talk with artists, patrons, and viewers at Yard Dog's opening reception.

This exchange between galleries is of special interest to Firecat because it bridges relationships among out of town art communities and offers a chance for different artistic cultures to mingle. The dialogue between artists, gallery owners, and patrons is the sole intent of Firecat - an honest effort in furthering artistic knowledge and varieties to different locations.



**Jon Langford**, *The Last Fair Deal*,  
mixed media on plywood, 13" x 8.25" x .75", 2013

Cannonball will commence the festival at 9PM in the Sidebar Music Room, followed by Churchwood in the Club at 9:30PM, Yarn at 10:30PM in the Sidebar Music Room, and finally the Waco Brothers at 11PM in the Club.

Tickets may be purchased online at [ticketweb.com](http://ticketweb.com), via phone at (708) 788-2118, or on site at 6615 Roosevelt Rd, Berwyn, IL. 60402. For more information about the event, call (708) 788-2118.

One can expect to see an array of bold colors, personal vision through folk narratives, and a uniformity in utilizing [aspects of] history to "speak" about the present. Alongside each artist's personal influence, there is a commonality among the work - pulling from the nostalgic idea of using old to create new, both in content and in materials.

Firecat's doors will open at 5PM with food and hors d'oeuvres provided by Red Door. There will be an option to purchase wine or beer, provided by 3 Floyds Brewing and Red & White Wines Chicago.

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Following Yard Dog's opening, is the Full House Festival at Fitzgerald's. Doors open at 9PM with a \$15 entry fee for Bar-B-Q and musical entertainment. Bands will include the Waco Brothers (Jon Langford), Yarn, Churchwood, and Cannonball.

Special guest will be Randy Franklin, Yard Dog owner, playing the mandolin with the Waco Brothers.