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Non Sequitur: Abstraction in Contemporary Sequential Art

Featuring works by **Pat Aulisio, Derek Ballard, Josh Bayer, Erin Curry, CF, Hellen Jo, Aidan Koch, Emma Louthan, Molly Colleen O'Connell, Gary Panter, Raymond Pettibon, Frank Santoro, Dash Shaw, and Angie Wang**

Curated by Tom Hart and Chase Westfall

February 26 - March 26, 2014

Opening Reception: Friday, Feb. 28, 7-10pm

Gallery Protocol is pleased to announce Non Sequitur: Abstraction in Contemporary Sequential Art, an exhibition of comic and sequential art from artists Pat Aulisio, Derek Ballard, Josh Bayer, Erin Curry, CF, Hellen Jo, Aidan Koch, Emma Louthan, Molly Colleen O'Connell, Gary Panter, Raymond Pettibon, Frank Santoro, Dash Shaw, and Angie Wang. Collectively, these artists represent the past, present, and future of underground and independent comics - beginning with its origins in the punk and zine movements of southern California in the late 70's, all the way through to its dispersal as a nationwide (and international) subculture today.

As the show's title suggests, the exhibition focuses particularly on how these artists incorporate notions or elements of abstraction within their work. Comics are uniquely positioned to engage with abstraction from both a narrative, linguistic (semiotic), and visual perspective. In that sense, they combine the abstraction of the novelist, the poet, and the painter all into one. Beginning with the assertion that all systems of representation are, by their very nature, abstract, the exhibition examines the results of this conflation and how these different threads of abstraction compound, complicate, temper, or derail one another as they operate side by side within the confines of a single undertaking. The exhibition features original and preparatory works in a range of media as well as published comics in a variety of printed formats.

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Pat Aulisio,
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