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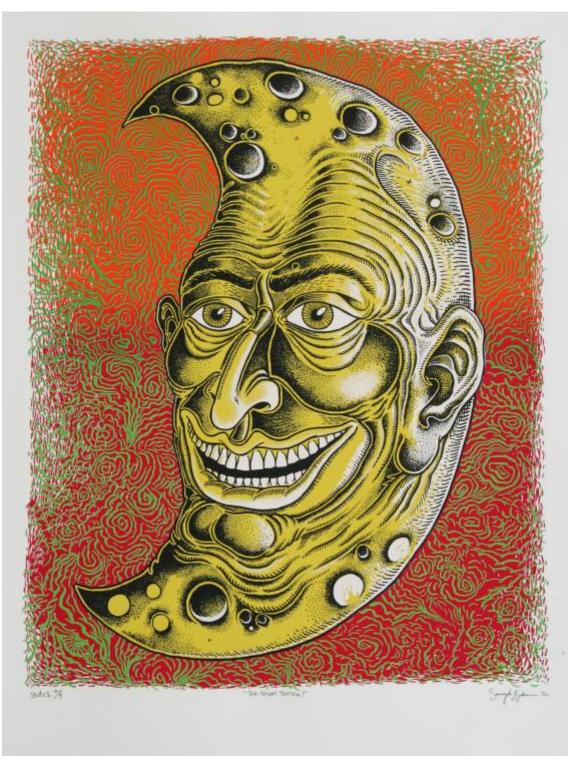
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Cover Sangito Bigelow: Gasp! - 2011, Silkscreen on paper, 18 x 13 inches, Edition 3

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The Night Tripper - 2012 Silkscreen on paper, 21x17 inches, State I, Edition 4



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Time has been compressed. The length of time between the Stone Age and recorded history was long. The time between the industrial revolution and the technological age was more compressed. Today, advances in technology cause recognisable differences decade to decade and definitely the distance between generations becomes recognisable. From Chaucer to Leonard Cohen, the language has undergone mutations so that reading old English is foreign to our understanding just as Cohen would be incomprehensible to Chaucer. However, once we have knowledge of the template that can be placed over the old English to change it to modern language, we can become fluid and appreciate the subtleties. Until that happens, our read is obfuscated by our

historical perspective.

Sangito Bigelow speaks the visual language of a generation that has experienced significant advancement within the past twenty years. The language used in text messaging offers an example of the transformation in communication for with 'texting' (itself a new word) abbreviations take the place of phrases and words. For the uninitiated a text message can be incomprehensible vet text messaging has created significant changes in language that have been adopted by a large percentage of the population. That one generation has a language different to another is not new. Parents have spoken above the heads of children and children have adopted secret languages amongst themselves yet never has there been such a swift and broadly accepted communication shift as that which has attended text messaging.



Similar, and arguably more exclusive, is the use of the language exhibited in graffiti. Graffiti is clearly part and partial to Sangito Bigelow's visual language. He uses the moniker GOBLIN which he expresses as a complex font gnarled, contorted and dripping, Graffiti is a form of visual poetry, spoken in the streets, understood completely by the initiated, assuming hierarchies that relate to traditional ones but, like a secret handshake, the entire vocabulary is purposefully obfuscating in order to better serve the communication network that drives it. Much the same could be said of the language of contemporary art and with the advent of abstract expressionism, the comprehension of fine art has been the privilege of an educated audience.

The uniqueness in Sangito Bigelow's

work is due to his visual bilingualism. He is fluent in both street graffiti and in the language of contemporary art. He is also heir to his generation's inclination to collaborate rather than to the previous generation's swerve towards individualism and competition. That Sangito Bigelow has been raised in an artistic home - both his father and mother are artists is a clue to understanding his art work. As well, he is dual disciplinary for he is an accomplished musician. His older brother as well is a musician and recording artist.

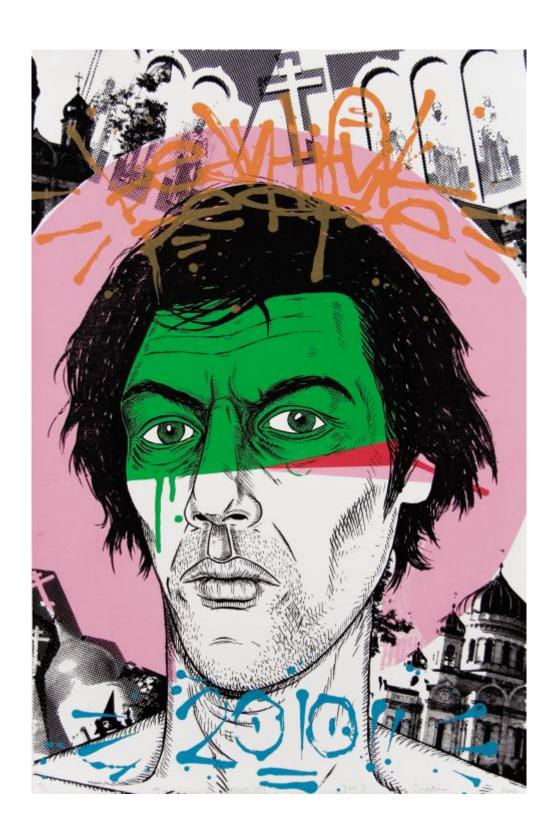
Sangito Bigelow speaks a complex visual language. He has a lot to say and he is articulate so there is a lot of information to be gleaned from his work. He has the political and social acuteness that comes from being alert, interested and young. It may take time to fully understand his visual narrative but as he takes us through his story, it is as engaging as it is avant-garde.

Julie Oakes, 2012

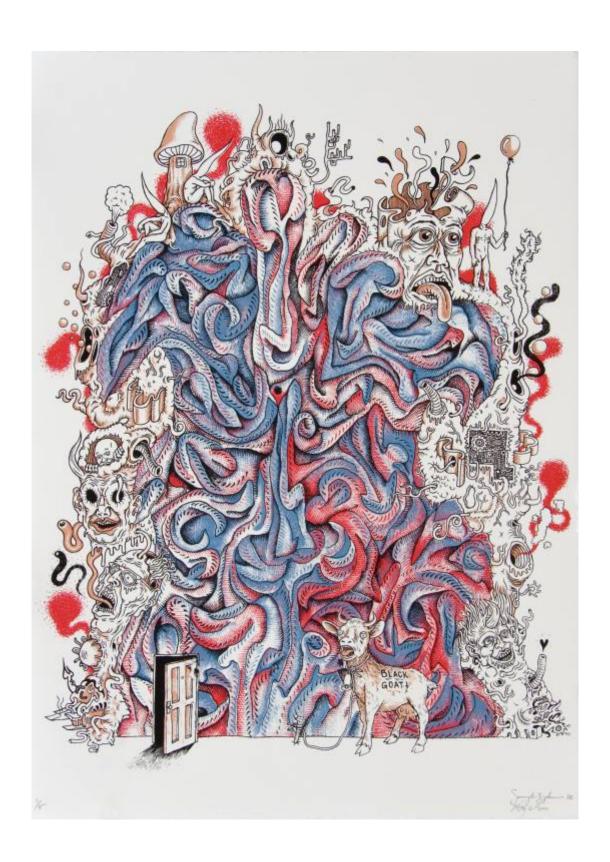


Goblin (large) - 2011 Seventeen colour silkscreen on paper, 26x20 inches, Edition 20



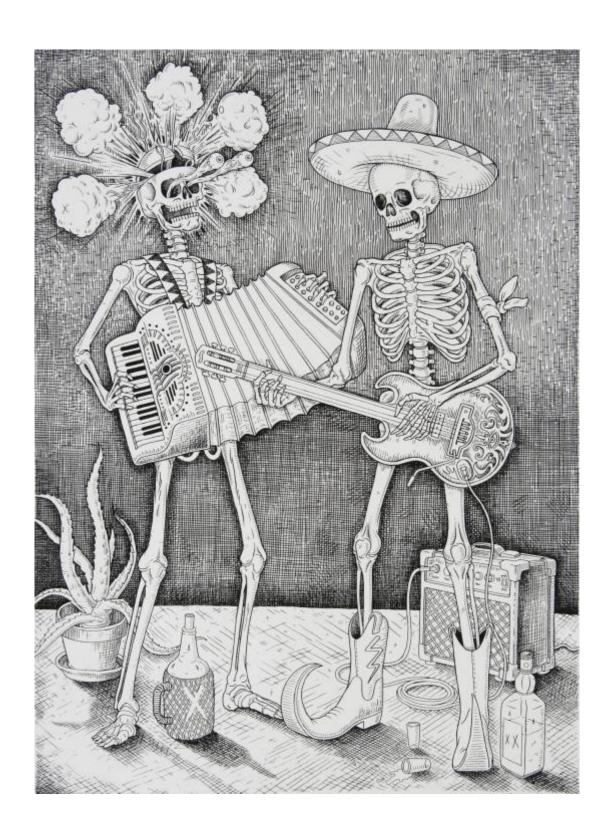






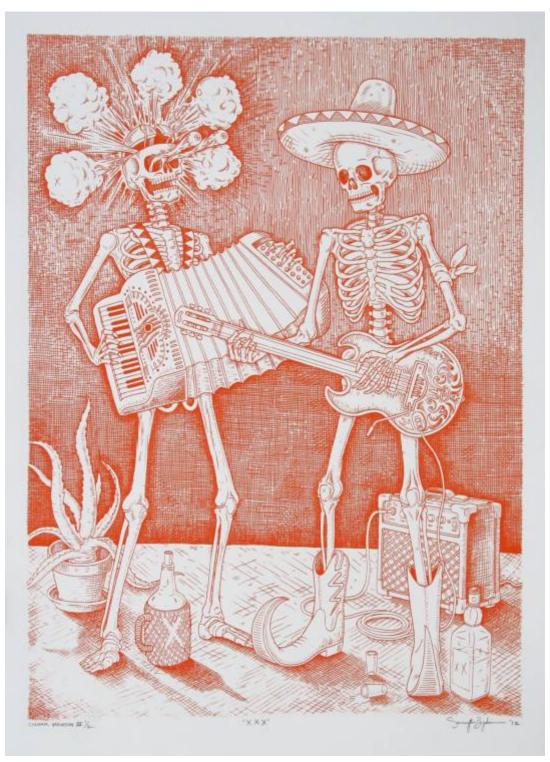


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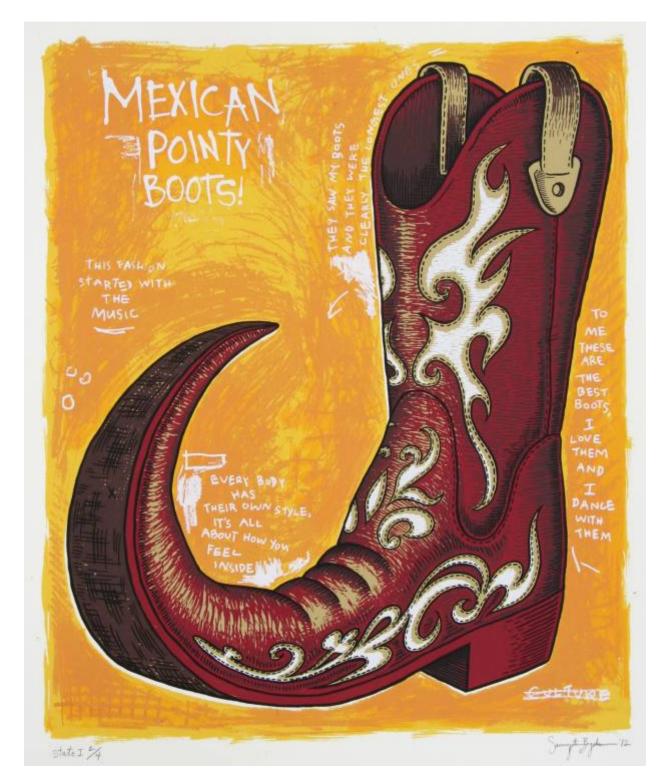




XXX - 2012 Silkscreen on paper, 22x15 inches, Colour Variation IV, Edition 5



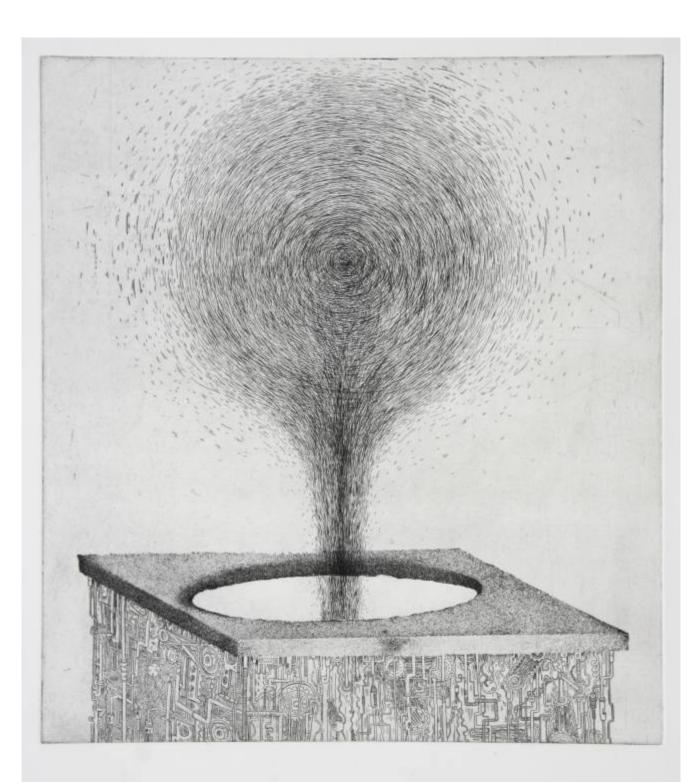
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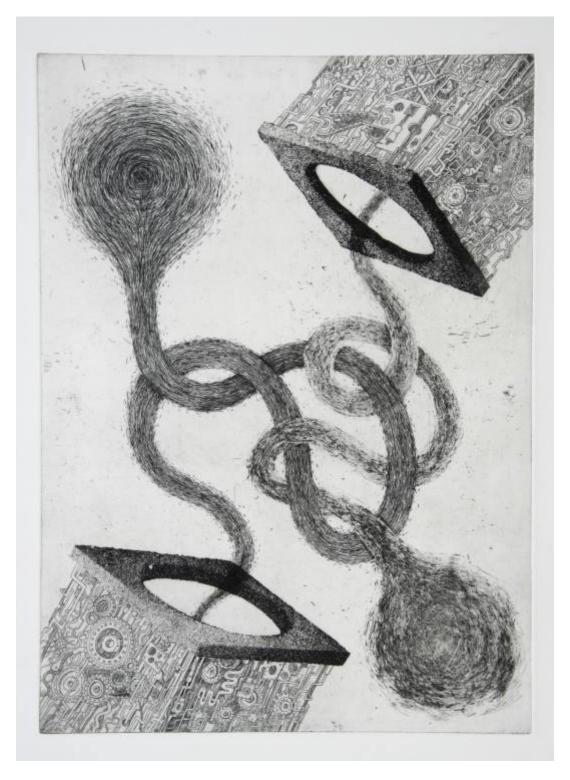


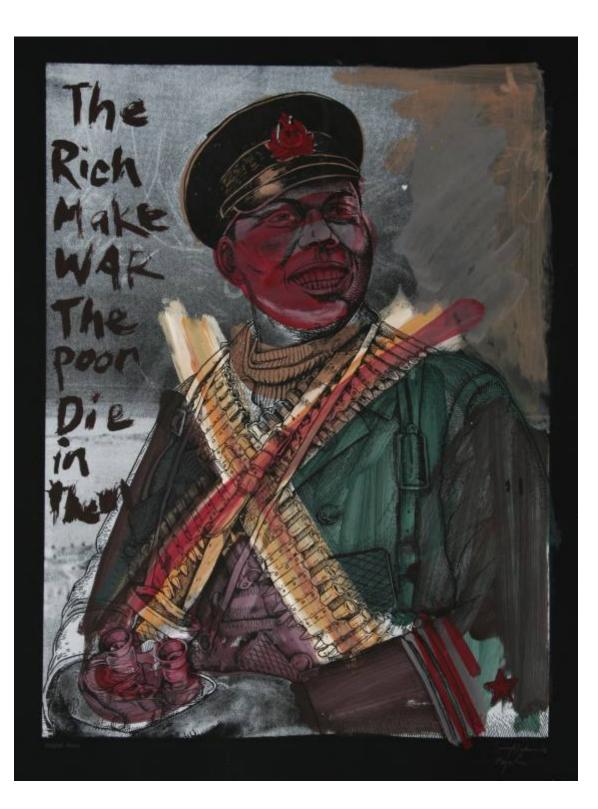




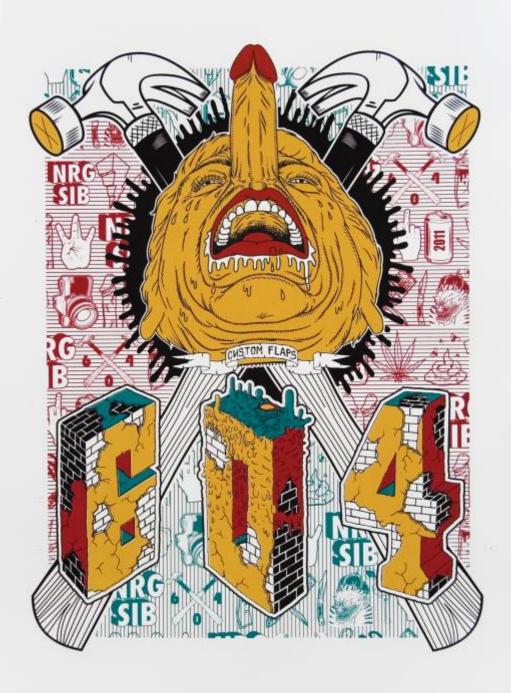
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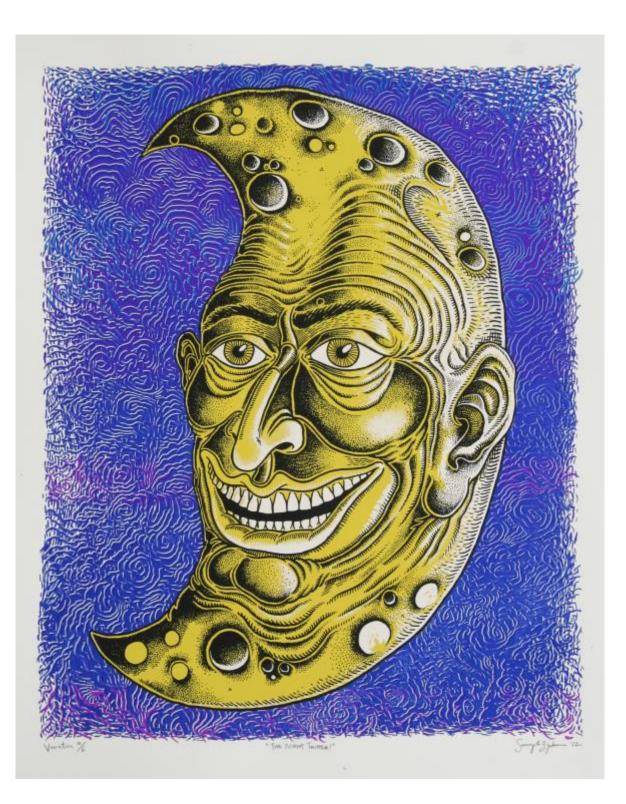


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SANGITO BIGELOW

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EDUCATION

2012 Emily Carr School of Art & Design, Fine Arts and Illustration

EXHIBITIONS

2012 Headbones Gallery, Vernon, BC
2012 CASKA Cafe, Vancouver, BC
2011 Unity Tattoo, Vancouver, BC
2011 Dynamo Gallery, Vancouver, BC
2011 Nomad Pop-up Shop, Vancouver, BC
2010 Concourse Gallery, Vancouver, BC

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