

“New Works”  
by Tony Savoie

October 24, 2008 – November 23, 2008  
**Opening Reception: Friday, October 24, 6pm to 9pm**



*Heal*, reverse painted acrylic and mixed media, 24x24  
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*Empire Tires Logo*, reverse painted acrylic and mixed media,  
64x64  
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Washington, D.C. – [October 7, 2008] – The Long View Gallery is pleased to announce a new exhibition of work by Florida artist Tony Savoie.

Marking Tony Savoie’s first show in Washington, D.C., **New Works** is a combination of two separate series—the Command Series and Icons Incorporated. Savoie’s process is intricate in its execution, laying reverse painted pieces of clear acrylic onto backgrounds composed of found photographs and artifacts. He uses a wide range of media, from spray paints to pencils, photographs, stencils and oils to create his multi-dimensional statement.

The Command Series interposes canine playfulness with human authority. On the surface, this series is loaded with puns paying tribute to admirable dog character traits, such as devotion, obedience, eagerness, and trust. On closer inspection, however, the celebrated traits are shown to be far less appealing when seen in the context of the human race. Savoie achieves this juxtaposition through his shadowbox technique, displaying the human manifestation of the traits through the clear acrylic. Savoie explains, “In addressing the gap between the potential for human decency and an often brutally cruel reality, I’m attempting to balance anger and apathy with humor and horror. I want to combine immediate and exciting

painting with broader concepts, and the desire of initiating a dialog on the topic of humane critical thinking.”

The Icons Incorporated series continues where the Command Series left off, as a response to an overtly consumer based society. Savoie adds, “I am attempting to reduce an ideal reality to an absurdity that invokes humor and skepticism, rather than trust, blind loyalty and mindless consumption.” Icons Incorporated is narrow in focus, with the intention of enlightening in an entertaining way.

Tony Savoie had a career in advertising and graphic design before pursuing a fine art career full-time. Savoie has received the highest honors, including four museum purchase awards and numerous 1<sup>st</sup> place and best in show placements in outdoor festivals throughout the nation.