

RICHARD ANKROM
THE CURIO SHOP



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charlie James Gallery is delighted to present our first solo exhibition of LA-based artist Richard Ankrom titled The Curio Shop.

In The Curio Shop, Ankrom will transform the gallery into a gift-shop retail environment littered with sculptures large and small from his Fetish Figurine series. Objects are selected for their cultural resonance and are then subjected to a process of masking with synthetic rubber. Zippers, studs, hooks and the like are tucked into the rubber surface using dental tools. Some zippers are painted gold, other are shiny stainless steel. A bristling contempt for effusive sentimental goods that pander to contrived pop nostalgia leads Ankrom to distort these figures and subvert their original manifestations. In this process, mass produced figurines become individualized and in a way surreal.

Richard Ankrom (b. 1955) is best known for his 2002 Guerrilla Public Service piece, wherein he fabricated and attached an Interstate 5 freeway panel and shield to an existing overhead sign on the northbound 110 Fwy in downtown Los Angeles because valuable merge lane information was missing from the provided signage. Ankrom has exhibited widely around the Los Angeles area, including the Fowler Museum, Grand Central Art Center, Museum of Neon Los Angeles, and the Riverside Art Museum, as well as internationally in Sydney, Australia and Tokyo, Japan. His work has been covered by the Los Angeles Times, Newsweek, KCET, Modern Painters, and LA Weekly. Ankrom works and lives in Los Angeles.

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The Neo-Classicals



David

Found fiberglass with synthetic rubber, zipper, studs, plywood, fabric, chain

84 x 26 x 15 in

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Venus with ball gag

Found fiberglass with synthetic rubber, zipper, studs, plywood, chain

80 x 24 x 24 in

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Augustus Caesar
Found fiberglass with synthetic rubber,
zipper, plywood
73 x 19.5 X 16 in
2015

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Rebecca
Found fiberglass with synthetic rubber,
zipper
26 x 8 x 9 in
2013

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Famous Faces



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Famous Faces



Beethoven

Found ceramic figurine with synthetic rubber,
zipper

12.75 x 7.5 x 5.5 in

2015



Mozart

Found ceramic figurines with synthetic rubber,
zipper

13.5 h x 7.5 x 5 in

2015

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Famous Faces



Scarlett and Rhett

Found ceramic figurines with synthetic rubber,
zipper

10.5 x 11 x 8.5 in

2015



Elvis

Found ceramic figurine with synthetic rubber,
zipper, spikes

13 x 6 x 5.5 in

2015

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Marion Morrison

Found ceramic figurines with Synthetic rubber,
zipper

12.5 x 9 x 9 in

2015

Marion Morrison Kitsugi

Found ceramic figurines with Synthetic rubber,
zipper

12.5 x 9 x 8 in

2015



Mao, standing

Found ceramic figurines with synthetic rubber,
zipper

10.75 x 9 x 6 in

2015

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Famous Faces



Reagan
Found ceramic figurines with
synthetic rubber, zipper
18 x 5.5 x 7 in
2015



Lenin
Found ceramic figurines with
synthetic rubber, zipper
15 x 9 x 7 in
2015



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Dogs, Cats and Pigs



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Pig with saddle
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
6 x 6 x 4 in
2013

Pig sailor
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
10 x 6.5 x 8 in
2013

Pig with wings
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber, zipper
11.25 x 10.5 x 7.75 in
2013

Pig prince
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber,
zipper
10 x 11.5 x 10 in
2013

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Cat with saddle
Found ceramic figurines
with Synthetic rubber,
zipper
10.25 x 11.75 x 9.5 in
2013

Poodle
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber,
zipper
11 x 5 x 7 in
2013

Dog w/ open mouth
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber,
zipper
11.5 x 13 x 6 in
2012

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Dogs, Cats and Pigs



Cat with
spikes
Found
ceramic
figurines
with
Synthetic
rubber,
zipper
17.75 x 6 x
6.5 in
2013

Pig (broken)
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber,
zipper
9 x 11 x 7 in
2013

Leopard and Cub
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber,
zipper
10 x 19 x 8 in

Cats for TV
Found ceramic
figurines with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
15 x 9 x 7 in
2015

Cat wink
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber,
zipper
13.5 x 5 x 4 in
2013

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Rear Gallery Display Case



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Rear Gallery Display Case



Tink on rose #4, #5, #6
Found ceramic figurines
with Synthetic rubber,
zipper
12.5 x 9 x 9 inches
2015



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Rear Gallery Display Case



Tink on mushroom
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber,
zipper
11 x 9.5 x 9.5 in
2014

Cindy with bouquet #2
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber,
zipper
12.5 x 9 x 8 in
2014

Cindy's Bust #2
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber,
zipper
10.75 x 9 x 6 in
2014

Tink pouting
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber,
zipper
12 x 6.5 x 8 inches
2014

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Rear Gallery Display Case



Boy n Girl
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber,
zipper
Diptych
11 x 5 x 4 in/each
2014

Doughboy #4
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber,
zipper
12.25 x 6.5 x 6.5 in
2015

Dopey
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber,
zipper
14 x 9 x 9 in
2013

Kirk, Kirk #2
Found ceramic
figurines with
Synthetic rubber,
zipper
10 x 11 x 6.5 in/each
2014

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Animalia and the Miscellaneous



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Penguin
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
8 x 4.5 x 4 in
2012

Rooster
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
11.5 x 12 x 6 in
2012

**Robin (VanValkenburgh)
#22**
Found ceramic figurine
with synthetic rubber,
zipper
18.75 x 4.5 x 4 in
2014

Boots & Plugs
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
14 x 10.5 x 7 in
2015

Swan
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
9 x 10 x 5.5 in
2013

Bass vase
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
15.75 x 12 x 7 in
2012

Rabbit butler
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
12.25 x 7 x 6 in
2013

Horse
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
10.5 x 8 x 4 in
2012

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Tiger Fight
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
5.5 x 10 x 3.5 in
2013



Cat and Kitten
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
5.5 x 9 x 3.5 in
2013



Elephant #2
Found ceramic figurine with
synthetic rubber, zipper
5.75 x 3.5 x 5 in
2012



Unicorn with crystals
Found ceramic figurine with
synthetic rubber, zipper
7 x 4.5 x 6 in
2013



Pig (Color me)
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
3.5 x 2.5 x 5.5 in
2013

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Jeezus
Found ceramic
figurines with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
7 x 6 x 8.5 in
2013



Bunny eyelash
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
7 x 3 x 3 in
2012



Clown
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
7 x 2.5 x 2.25 in
2012



Candle twins
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
Dptych
Boy: 8 x 3.5 x 3
in
Girl: 8.25 x 3.5 x
3 in
2012



Pig creamer
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
4.5 x 6 x 2.5 in
2013

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Deer
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
6 x 6 x 3.5 in
2012



Whale
Found ceramic
figurine with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
5 x 7.5 x 3.5 in
2012



Angel
Found ceramic
figurines with
synthetic rubber,
zipper
8 x 4 x 4 in
2012



**Vase One
(double face)**
Found ceramic figu-
rine with synthetic
rubber, zipper
7.5 x 4.5 x 4.5 in
2012

**Vase Three
(double face)**
Found ceramic figu-
rine with synthetic
rubber, zipper
6 x 5 x 3.5 in
2012



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Animalia and the Miscellaneous



Cat #2
Found ceramic figurine with
synthetic rubber, zipper
7.5 x 4.75 x 4.5 inches
2013



Cats, half back
Found ceramic figurine
with synthetic rubber,
zipper
Prone: 4.5 x 7 x 4 in
Sitting: 6.5 x 4 x 3.5
in
2015



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Selected Solo Exhibitions

2015
Charlie James Gallery Los Angeles, Ca.

2011
Guerrilla Public Service Future Studios Highland Park, Ca.

2009
End of the Line Artshare Los Angeles, Ca.

2007
Manifest Destiny Raid FC Los Angeles, Ca.

2005-6
The Gra'ma Series Bedlam Art Gallery Art Los Feliz, Ca.

2004
The Gra'ma Series Dirt Gallery Hollywood, Ca.

2003
Bumfuzzle Museum Of Neon Art Los Angeles, Ca.
Love, Hate & Madness Bedlam Art Gallery Art Los Feliz, Ca.

2002
Gloworm SCA Gallery Pomona, Ca.
Guerrilla Public Service CalPoly Downtown Center Pomona, Ca.
Guerrilla Public Service The Happy Lion Gallery Los Angeles, Ca.

2000
Altar to Miss Velvet Brand Library & Art Center Glendale, Ca.

1999
Neon Sculpture BGH Gallery Santa Monica, Ca.
Lies Ed Giardina Contemporary Art Santa Ana, Ca.

1998
Hazardous Voltage The Webster Gallery Santa Ana, Ca.

1996
Bright & Shiny Creative Arts Center Burbank, Ca.

1995
Neon Abstractions Lynn Basset Gallery Los Angeles, Ca.

Selected Group Exhibitions

2015
Artillery Mesa Art Center Mesa Az.
Richard Ankrom - Suzi Moon District Gallery Los Angeles, Ca.

2014
Landscapes District Gallery Los Angeles, Ca.
Xerox & Figurines Antebellum Gallery Hollywood, Ca.

2013
Bakers Dozen V Torrance Art Museum Torrance, Ca.

2010
Autumn Lights Pershing Square Los Angeles, Ca.
LIT Bleicher/Golightly Santa Monica, Ca.
Aryai Equinox Gallery West Hollywood, Ca.
The Rat Pack 410 Boyd St. Los Angeles, Ca.

2009
Autumn Lights Pershing Square Los Angeles, Ca.
The Gun Show dA Center for the Arts Pomona, Ca.

2008
New Traditionalists dA Center for the Arts Pomona, Ca.
Just How Does A Patriot Act OCCCA Santa Ana, Ca.
Death of the Bush Era, What Next? SPARC Venice, Ca.
My Fathers Party Is Busted! BC Space Laguna Beach, Ca.

2007
Hausguests The Brewery Project Los Angeles, Ca.

2006
Lifesavers Regent Gallery Los Angeles, Ca.

2005
Fall Preview I-5 Gallery Los Angeles, Ca.
Autumn Lights Caltrans Plaza Los Angeles, Ca.
Venice Artwalk Venice, Ca.

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2004
L.A. Drive-By #2 The Glazed Gaze MOP Gallery, Sydney, Australia
L.A. Drive-By #1 Ginza Kyubidou Gallery Tokyo, Japan
Mirror, Mirror, On The Wall Bedlam Art Gallery Art Los Feliz, Ca.

2003
Faking Real Columbia University New York, Ny.
Electric Transport Gallery Los Angeles, Ca.

2002
Lost & Found Museum Of Neon Art Los Angeles, Ca.

2001
OK To Touch Angels Gate Cultural Center San Pedro, Ca.
Interesting, but is it Art? Second City Council Long Beach, Ca.
Material-ized Grand Central Art Center Santa Ana, Ca.

2000
Future Shocked Leftbid.com New York, Ny.
CARnucopia Museum Of Neon Art Los Angeles. Ca.
Surgeon Experience Raid Projects Santa Ana, Ca.

1999
200/2000/200 BGH Gallery Santa Monica, Ca.
Circular Logic I-5 Gallery Los Angeles, Ca.

1997
Interconnections SITE Gallery Los Angeles, Ca.
Charming Benefactor Spanish Kitchen Studio Los Angeles, Ca.
Downtown Lives DADA Los Angeles, Ca.

1996
Without Alarm Arroyo Arts Collective Highland Park, Ca.
Downtown Lives DADA Los Angeles, Ca.

1995
Los Angeles Art Fair L.A. Convention Center Los Angeles, Ca.
San Francisco Art Fair San Francisco, Ca.
International Group Exhibition Chaib Contemporary Art Venice, Ca.

Winter Group Show BGH Gallery Santa Monica, Ca.

1994
Los Angeles Art Fair L.A. Convention Center Los Angeles, Ca.
The Game Show Riverside Art Museum Riverside, Ca.
Sleeping Beauties Fowler Museum Westwood, Ca.
Small Works SITE Gallery Los Angeles, Ca.
The Art Of Function Artegeo Orange, Ca.
Winter Group Show BGH Gallery Santa Monica, Ca.

1993
Dark Vision Dark's Art Parlor Santa Ana, Ca.
Depayser Artspace Gallery Woodland Hills, Ca.
Downtown Lives DADA Los Angeles, Ca.

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KOGO News Radio The Roger Hedgecock Show Nov.14, 2006
Los Angeles Times Sept. 1, 2006
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Elle Décor Sept. 2005
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Los Angeles Times Nov. 30 2003
ArtScene Oct. 2003
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National Examiner July 9, 2002
Traffic Technology International June/July 2002
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KLAC Micheal Jackson Show May 22, 2002
Newsweek May 20, 2002
Los Angeles Times May 17, 2002
KCET Life & Times May 16, 2002
KillRadio.com May 15, 2002
Los Angeles Times May 14, 2002
Univision May 14, 2002
KIIS FM Rik Dees May 13, 2002
KROQ FM Kevin & Bean May 13, 2002
KYTD FM May 13, 2002
CNN News May 13, 2002
NPR What'ya know May 11, 2002
Inside Edition May 10, 2002
KFI John & Ken Show May 10, 2002
Good Morning America May 10, 2002
The Early Show May 10, 2002
San Fransico Chronicle May 10, 2002
LA Weekly May 10-16 2002
ABC News May 9, 2002
CBS News May ,9 2002
NPR All Things Considered May 9, 2002
NBC News May 9, 2002
NBC Nightly News May 9, 2002
Fox News May 9, 2002
UPN News May 9, 2002
KFI FM May 9, 2002
Los Angeles Times May 9, 2002
KTLA News May 8, 2002
LA Downtown News May 6, 2002
Los Angeles Times May 5, 2000
Artscene November 1995
Coagula October 1995
Japan American Television 1994
Los Angeles Times Sept. 24, 1993

Commissions: sculpture

Kaiser Permente Baldwin Park, Ca.
3950 Mandalay Bay Las Vegas, Nv.
BGH Gallery Santa Monica, Ca.

Film Festivals: guerrilla public service

2006

Take Off Your Coat. Stay Awhile Rat Powered Films (USA)

2004

Tarfest (USA)

6 Booths In 7 Weeks (USA)

Singes de nuit (ZKM) Cinema Balzac (Paris, France) Media City
10 (Canada)

Cinema Society Of San Diego (USA)

2003

Aurora Picture Show (USA)

Arizona State University (USA)

Images Festival (Canada)

Resfest (USA, England, Japan, Korea)

2002

Arizona State University (USA)

Fullerton Grand Central Art Center (USA) Santa Barbara Univer-
sity (USA)

Bilder Codes, ZKM (Germany-Europe) Silverlake Film Festival
(USA)

LA Freewaves (USA)

Resfest (USA, England, Japan, Korea, Africa) American Film In-
stitute (USA)