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In Danger of Extinction: new works by Cory Bennett opens at Monarch | Arredon Contemporary in La Jolla

La Jolla, CA, February 22, 2016 - Monarch | Arredon Contemporary is delighted to present the newest collection of works by L.A. based urban artist Cory Bennett. *In Danger of Extinction: new works by Cory Bennett* will open to the public on Saturday March 12th 2016 with a reception from 7-9pm. Monarch | Arredon Contemporary is located at 7629 Girard Ave, Suite C2, La Jolla, CA 92037.

In Danger of Extinction: new works by Cory Bennett is an homage to America's Finest City. Bennett has taken his iconic imagery of west coast lifestyle, the beauty, beaches, and urban landscapes and juxtaposed these with layerings of our threatened local ecosystems. Bennett's urban street style becomes the perfect medium to express the complexities of modern day living. His social commentary takes the form of suggestive dichotomies with an avant-garde approach: his works are seen as pleasant reveries by some while being simultaneously interpreted as condemnation of the status quo by others. Aesthetically mesmerizing yet thought provoking, *In Danger of Extinction* is an exploration of contradictions and a visual exercise, encouraging it's audience to recognize the duality of all things. Each mixed media piece, an amalgamation of materials, colors, textures and contexts becomes a window into the nostalgia of California dreaming, a mirror into our present social lifestyles, and a peek into a future heavily threatened by the danger of extinction.

Born and raised in Las Vegas, NV urban artist Cory Bennett has taken his art to a new level. Working in mixed media, Bennett has created his own unique style of art that combines an urban "street" style with the use of found-media, providing the artist with an endless supply of complex and relevant subject matter. A graduate of the University of San Luis Obispo, Cory now resides in Long Beach California, where he continues to navigate between the hard edges of the city streets and the free-flowing nature of the beach life style. Two cultures, that continuously grate against each other in his iconic SoCal motifs. Perching the romanticized with the cartographies and typographies of reality has made Bennett's work highly sought after, and his work is now part of various private and museum collections.

In Danger of Extinction will be on view until April 23rd 2016. Monarch | Arredon Contemporary will be hosting a Media Preview and opportunity to meet the artist. Please contact gallery owner, Elsie Arredondo at Elsie@MonarchFineArt to RSVP.

MONARCH | ARREDON CONTEMPORARY is located at 7629 Girard Ave, Suite C2, La Jolla, CA 92037. The gallery specializes in figurative artwork through curated exhibitions featuring provocative works that speak to individual and societal conditions by established, mid-level and emerging career artists. Focusing on building relationships, we believe that Gallery is not only the bridge between the artist and the viewer, but also a conduit from which visitors and collectors can share their experiences.

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