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Lazer Happy: :LH

September 18 – October 15, 2009  
Opening reception Friday, September 18  
6:30 – 9:00 pm

Mindy Wyatt Gallery  
814 Broadway, 2nd Floor



**New York, July 27th, 2009** - Mindy Wyatt Gallery will present :LH the first New York solo exhibition of Queens based artist collective LazerHappy. On view will be a series of baby blue automotive painted AK47s, two large-scale pop-inspired paintings, and the debut of a line of wallpaper and shopping bags emblazoned with the LazerHappy logo. The exhibition title :LH refers to the font available on most personal computers where text is conveyed via images rather than letters. In this sense, the different works on display are conveyed as small icons, a diamond (luxury), bomb (from the Bomberman video game franchise to suggest whimsical danger), and a brush (conveying tradition and craftsmanship) to correspond with the works on view.

In the 2006 painting *Major Teddy* a massive teddy bear looms over the Chicago skyline, completely filling the six square foot canvas. Situated in front of multi hued pastel sky, and emanating jagged rays of light, the bear crushes the surrounding buildings with a contented expression on its face. The work is rendered in a lively brushstroke that references pop themes, street art and psychedelia to create a joyful work that belies a distinct tension – a trait inherent to the LazerHappy brand.

This current continues through *Automatik Kalashnikov 1947* (2007), a series of five automotive painted AK47 assault rifles. By painting the iconic rifles the soft baby blue associated with male infants, the weapons exude the familiarity of the nursery. Visitors are encouraged to interact with the rifle, which reveals the hardness and heft of an actual, quite deadly weapon.

### About LazerHappy

LazerHappy is an art production studio and curatorial project founded by artist Adrian Tone in collaboration with Gerard Kilgallon. It aims to remove barriers that separate a cloistered art world from the public by creating highly refined works, fully realized marketing campaigns, and a continual commitment to collaboration and reinvention. With a constant willful eye towards contemporary pop culture and the zeitgeist, LazerHappy invites its audience to relax and delight in the pleasure of artmaking. Recent exhibitions include: *Exporting Pop: A Western Fantasy*, Al-Sabah Gallery, Kuwait City 2009; *RoCoCoPoP*, DEAN PROJECT, Long Island City Queens 2009; *Crossing Art*, Flushing Queens 2009; *Is This Art?* The Museum Of Contemporary Art, Chicago 2006; *SayWha?*, AEON Hanger, L.A 2004;

### Directions

Mindy Wyatt Gallery is located at 814 Broadway, 2nd Floor, between 11th and 12th streets. 4 5 6 N Q R W L trains to Union Square. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 10 - 6, and on weekends by appointment. Please contact the gallery at (212) 475-7884

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