

# eileen tognini **event**

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## THE **TITAN** and the **FIREFLIES**

New Work by  
Jason Hackenwerth

Curated by  
Eileen Tognini

**opening party:** Friday, October 30, 2009 7 – 10 pm

**exhibition:** October 31- November 28

**gallery hours:** Tuesday – Saturday Hours 12 – 6 pm

**address:** 2424 East York Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125

*Folding and twisting, folding and twisting, around and around.* That's what **Jason Hackenwerth** will be doing for over a week as he builds **The Titan** and the **Fireflies**, opening on Friday October 30 at the Skybox at 2424 Studios, a new studio building at 2424 East York Street in Fishtown.

Inspired by the dramatic turn-of-the century industrial space, Curator Eileen Tognini invited Hackenwerth to create his monumental – scale, biomorphic sculptural creatures made from balloons to evoke a spirit of wonder and fascination. The use of familiar and ordinary objects, yet unconventional by classical standards of materials to create art, have long been a personal interest of Eileen's. "It's my goal to introduce artists who use unexpected materials to viewing audiences in hopes it will expand the definition of "what is art" and the vocabulary of art, design and craft", says Eileen.

"The ephemeral nature of an installation is an unmistakable reflection of our own lives. Because of its delicateness, it is difficult to predict how long it will last", Jason notes about his own work, considering his medium as a metaphor for the way artists make their way into the art scene.

Based in New York City, Jason has been exhibited internationally including the Venice Biennale, SCOPE Art Fair in London, Jang Heung Art Museum in Seoul, Korea and The San Diego Children's Museum. Most recently Jason finished among the Top 10 competing for the largest art purse from The ART Prize in Grand Rapids Michigan where he competed amongst 1262 artists entries to win based on popular vote. Jason Hackenwerth received his MFA in 2003 from the Savannah College of Art and Design, and BFA from Webster University in St. Louis, MO.

Eileen Tognini has been organizing and curating art-centered events, gallery shows, artist salons and sculpture garden events for the last 12 years following a successful career in corporate marketing. Her work focuses on showing the talent of emerging and recognized artists in the Philadelphia/New York region. A recent article in Philly HOME Fall/Winter 2009 captured the Spring art salon she hosted in her home featuring the work of several artists.

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