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**Hamilton Ink Spot presents special events, thematic monthly exhibitions**

*Saint Paul’s premier printmaking resource and exhibition center announces calendar of events*

Saint Paul, Minnesota (March 2015) -- Hamilton Ink Spot announces its calendar of special events, featured guests and thematic exhibitions presented in Saint Paul’s premier printmaking resource and gallery at 375 N. Wabasha Street.

These activities and themes will change monthly, in addition to Ink Spot’s classes, a drop-in studio for families and individuals, a print cooperative for mid-career artists, internships, a mentorship program for high school-age artists, and exhibitions of local, regional and national printmaking artists.

Hosts and master printers, Bill Moran and Monica Edwards Larson, oversee Ink Spot’s initiatives and its 2,200-square-foot location at 375 N. Wabasha Street. “These special events, guests and exhibitions present more opportunities to share this treasure of American printing with Twin Cities’ design and letterpress lovers,” says Moran.

Making printmaking an accessible art form, Hamilton Ink Spot creates access for artists and others of all skill levels and backgrounds, enriches the public’s connection with direct arts experiences, and contributes to the community’s cultural vitality. The Saint Paul storefront offers Hamilton Wood Type and Printing Museum’s merchandise for sale, as well as a co-op space for Twin Cities’ artists to create and exhibit their original posters, cards, and other printed works.

Hamilton Ink Spot is the first venture to which Hamilton Wood Type and Printing Museum lends its name. Based in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, Hamilton is the only museum dedicated to the preservation, study, production and printing of wood type. With 1.5 million pieces of wood type and more than 1,000 styles and sizes of patterns, Hamilton’s collection is one of the premier wood type collections in the world.

March For the Love of Letters invitational poster show

March 5, exhibition opening celebration,

in conjunction with AIGA Minnesota’s Cocktails with Creatives

April Music and Lyrics invitational poster show

 April 18, 6-10 p.m., National Record Store Day and exhibition opening celebration,

in conjunction with Eclipse Records

May Voice: Words for those who are silenced

 May 7, 6 p.m., exhibition opening celebration and live music,

benefit for MN Girls Are Not For Sale, bringing awareness to sex trafficking in Minnesota,

in conjunction with House of Mercy Recordings’ CD release

and concert at Bedlam Theatre, May 10, 6 p.m.

June Hybrids, recent work by Pseudo Manitou, Miss Amy Jo and Erik Johnson

 June 5, exhibition opening celebration

July Hamilton Ink Spot co-op members show

 July 16, 6-10 p.m., exhibition opening celebration

Aug. Recent prints by Jim Sherraden of Hatch Show Print

 Date to be determined, artist’s talk and exhibition opening celebration

Sept. Recent work by Mary Bruno, Jenni Undis and Monica Edwards Larson

 Sept. 10, 6-10 p.m., exhibition opening celebration

Oct. Dark Art, Halloween movie-themed invitational poster show

 Oct. 1, 6-10 p.m., exhibition opening celebration

Nov. Letterbugs by Bill Moran

 Nov. 19, 6-10 p.m., artist’s talk and exhibition opening celebration

Dec. Holiday-themed show

 Date to be determined, exhibition opening celebration

To learn more about Hamilton Ink Spot’s special events, featured guests, co-op memberships, workshops, internships, merchandise and exhibition gallery, please visit online at http://www.hamiltoninkspot.org, https://www.facebook.com/hamiltoninkspot, http://instagram.com/hamiltonwoodtype; or in person Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at 375 N. Wabasha Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

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