



MY EXISTENCE

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DEBUT INTAGLIO PRINTMAKING SHOW
EXPLORATION OF EXISTENCE & MEANING

OPENING RECEPTION
FIRST FRIDAY
JUNE 4TH 6-9PM

BRIDGEPORT ART SPACE
404 E. 18TH ST.
KANSAS CITY, MO 64111

To celebrate J. Brendan O'Shaughnessy's debut intaglio printmaking show an opening reception will be held at Bridgeport Art Space on June 4th, 2010. Located on 404 E. 18th St., Kansas City, Missouri, 64111. The gallery will open at 6PM and remain open until 9PM. Hor dourves provided. J. Brendan O'Shaughnessy's solo show will coincide with First Fridays in the Crossroads Arts District.

"My Existence" is an exploration of existence and meaning through various intaglio printmaking processes. Fundamental questions are challenged throughout J. Brendan O'Shaughnessy's series in the hope that his own convictions will strike a cord of personal exploration and questioning in the viewers that experience the prints. Where am I? Why am I here? What is happening? What should I be doing? At first these questions sound arbitrary but without personal conclusion or conviction one might argue life is worthless. These questions demand answers. Through the aid of symbols and strategically designed imagery, J. Brendan O'Shaughnessy is able to achieve a delicate balance between the spiritual and the physical, tying beliefs and value systems with real human experience.

"My Existence" represents J. Brendan O'Shaughnessy's visual autobiography of the first twenty-three years of his life. Through an interactive installation, the idea of beliefs and the tangible manifestation of beliefs in human expression is challenged. The underlying motif of our finite life draws a parallel to J. Brendan O'Shaughnessy's questioning of beliefs in context with the eternal nature of the soul after death. Associating meaning to our existence is the crucial first step of life. The manifestation of all choices and decisions rest upon the foundations of our ability to explain our philosophies based on our convictions. Just as explaining one's existence is the beginning, this body of work materializes as the very foundation of J. Brendan O'Shaughnessy's emerging career as a printmaker, designer and conceptual artist.

Special recognition to Bridgeport Art Space for making the event a possibility. The Bridgeport Art Space, a side venture of Bridgeport Church is a local church community in the Crossroads. Make an appearance on June 4th and celebrate J. Brendan O'Shaughnessy's accomplishments. Additional gallery hours of operation are by appointment and on a Bridgeport Church event basis (Sundays 10:30AM-12:30PM), please e-mail to schedule an appointment (bridgeportchurch@gmail.com) or visit Bridgeport Church online for more details (www.bridgeportchurch.org).

J. Brendan O'Shaughnessy