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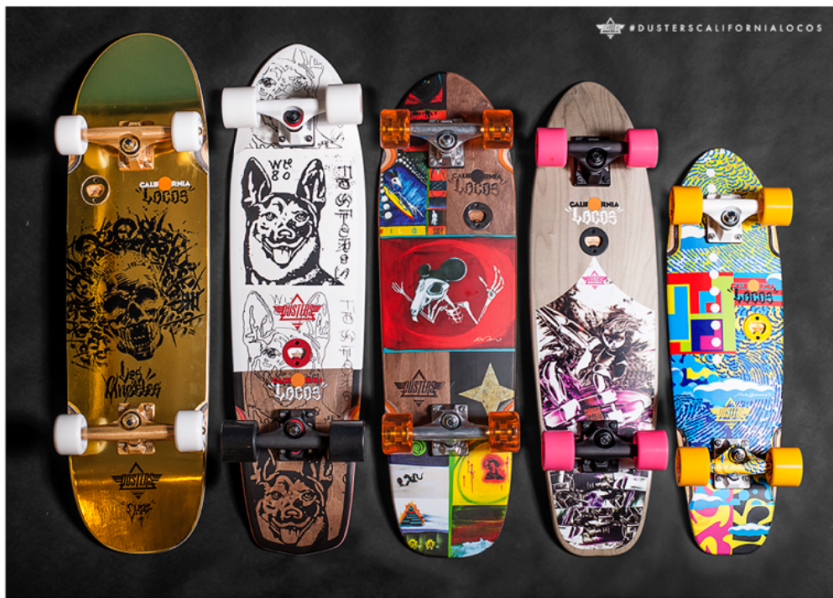
## “California Locos” skate and surf art exhibition travels to Virginia Beach

Legendary artists Chaz Bojórquez, Dave Tourjé, John Van Hamersveld, Norton Wisdom, and Gary Wong celebrate SoCal style rebellion



John Van Hamersveld, Gary Wong, Chaz Bojórquez, Duster's creative director Nano Nobrega, Dave Tourjé, and Norton Wisdom

Legendary Los Angeles artists Chaz Bojórquez, Dave Tourjé, John Van Hamersveld, Norton Wisdom, and Gary Wong, collectively known as the “California Locos,” create lasting imagery that has contributed to forming and communicating the Southern California skate, surf, street, and music subcultures to the world. Having just exhibited in Venice Beach, California at the *Juice Magazine* headquarters and The Rose Room, the California Locos bring their exciting exhibition to Virginia Beach’s Studio 17 from Saturday, August 13, 2016 to Saturday, August 20, 2016.



The California Locos’ weeklong upcoming multi-media exhibition will feature new artwork, the East Coast premiere of the documentary *Crazy World Ain’t It—The Life and Times of John Van Hamersveld* (produced by Tourjé and Christopher Sibley), the California Locos skateboard line released by Dusters California, and Los Savages band performing with Norton

Wisdom. Sponsored by Juice Magazine and Dusters California, this exciting exhibition kicks off the East Coast Surfing Championships, which begin August 21, celebrating with art, film and music—in quintessential SoCal style.

The compelling collaboration of these five groundbreaking fine artists produces an impactful impression of SoCal style rebellion, born of these artists having grown up in L.A. since the ’50s, ’60s and ’70s. This supergroup’s iconic aesthetic embodies the subcultures in which the artists grew up, expressing the rawness and verve that come with an unromantic, insider view of L.A. Longtime friends, these extraordinary artists are inspiring each other in new ways to produce colorful, fresh works with deep cultural reflection.

Bojórquez's art showcases his unique calligraphic street style, which earns him the title "the godfather of graffiti art." Tourjé's pieces feature his striking acrylic glass work, created with his signature post-punk aesthetic. Van Hamersveld's iconic, psychedelic work reveals his irrefutable impact on surf and music culture. A live performance painter who frequently collaborates with top musicians such as Wilco's Nels Cline, Wisdom will show his distinctive mixed media paintings and collages. Wong's work includes recent paintings, drawings, and photographs that reflect the power of his evolved, postmodern style.



The Virginia Beach exhibition marks a return to the East Coast for the California Locos, who also exhibited at the 2014 Context Art Miami art fair, where they reached an international audience. Represented at Art Miami by Mat Gleason of Coagula Curatorial, California Locos have also exhibited at Red Pipe Gallery in Chinatown with curators Tracy Huston and Duncan Linthicum, as well as at Zack de la Rocha's Medina Gallery.

A collective, dynamic show, the amazing synthesis of the California Locos artists' work explores these artists' remarkable roots and continued profound cultural influence.



The California Locos Virginia Beach opening reception occurs on August 13, 2016 from 7–11 pm.

Los Savages, featuring Ian Espinoza, Bryan Head, Dave Tourjé, and Gary Wong, will perform with Norton Wisdom on Tuesday, August 16 at 8 pm. Los Savages’ horn section, featuring Jim Grinta, Toby Holmes and Dave Ryan, will perform a special horn intro piped in “live” from producer Randall Michael Tobin’s Theta Sound Studios in Burbank.

Curator of the Virginia Beach show, artist Asa Jackson of the Contemporary Arts Network noted, “with all the planning that has gone into bringing the Locos to the East Coast, we are

gearing up for eight solid days of controlled creative chaos—from events, parties and openings, to music, panel discussions and more. We intend to continue the success they had in Venice Beach!”

Location:

Studio 17, 536 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

For more information, visit: californialocos.com