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CENTERpiece Gallery *Locals Only*' Artists' Series
Presents the works of Las Vegas based artist Sush Machida

Las Vegas, NV (August 4, 2010) – MCQ Fine Art Advisory and CENTERpiece Gallery are pleased to present the works of local contemporary artist **Sush Machida** for the next installation of its “*Locals Only*” rotating exhibition series. This is the first solo exhibition of Machida’s work in the Las Vegas area and will include a VIP opening reception for the artist on Thursday, September 16, 2010, from 6 to 8 pm.



Machida fuses Eastern and Western traditions—the woodcuts of Edo-period Japanese masters and America-style Pop elements. Reinterpreting the rhythmic and expressive imagery of Edo-period artists, such as Katsushika Hokusai and Chinese master, Nampin Shin, Machida updates these traditional compositions with a complex narrative that playfully mixes in iconic images such as Marlboro cigarettes and Chanel No.5 to comment on the contemporary digital world. The vibrant colors and immaculately finished surfaces of stylized portraits, including rolling waves, clouds, whales, fish and birds ultimately create a formal composition that addresses nature, culture and a sense of order.

Machida further references modern master Matisse and his late affection for cut-out collage; the idea of a structure of rhythm and repetition broken by the unexpected, in Machida’s case small symbolic items from an au courant world. Both painters, work meditatively by hand to create the desired balance of form and color (vast in scale, lush and rigorous in color) achieving a true simplicity of description. (Photo: Zepp In, 2008, by Sush Machida)

Machida received his MFA from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2002, and currently lives and works in downtown Las Vegas. His work is in the collection of the Frederick R. Weisman Art Foundation, the Portland Art Museum, the Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, the Phoenix Art Museum and the Las Vegas Art Museum. He has exhibited in Tokyo, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Orleans, and Santa Fe and was most recently featured in the museum show, Las Vegas Diaspora. Machida has been featured on National Public Radio, and his work has been reviewed in Flash Art, Art Issues, Art in America, Art Forum, and the Los Angeles Times.

The exhibition’s opening reception will be held on Thursday, September 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The public is invited to view the exhibition through November 7, during normal business hours, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. For more information on the “*Locals Only*” series and other upcoming events, contact Gallery Director, Nicole Moffatt at (702) 739.3314 or visit: www.centerpieceelv.com.

CENTERpiece Gallery is a 2,500-square-foot fine art and design venue that focuses not only on the traditional mediums of contemporary art such as photography and works on paper, but also presents unique and functional design objects and furniture. The gallery showcases works by many of the contemporary artists and architects featured throughout CityCenter, including artists Claes Oldenburg, Richard Misrach, Jenny Holzer and David Rockwell. For more information visit: www.centerpieceelv.com

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