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## **Locals Only**

**CENTERpiece Gallery presents the first in a series of exhibitions featuring local Las Vegas artists**

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CENTERpiece Gallery is pleased to announce “**Locals Only**,” a rotating exhibition series that will feature the work of selected local artists from the Las Vegas community.

For its first installation, opening on April 8<sup>th</sup>, CENTERpiece Gallery will present a curatorial selection of photographs by **Shawn Hummel**. Growing up amid the car culture, this Southern California native found the seamless and streamlined finish of the motor vehicle a focus of his growing artistic venture. Shawn first stepped into the Las Vegas art scene in 1998, receiving his MFA at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Referencing the artists of the L.A. Finish Fetish Movement in the mid-1960's, Shawn began to use Las Vegas' intensely saturated environment to produce highly concentrated photographs on aluminum with automotive paint. The combination of the smooth, transparent finishes of the automotive and the lingering city lights in his work create a simple, seductive image representing color and form rather than realistic subject. Seeking his surroundings in forms that reflect angular surfaces of the built environment – his images of light and space remove boundaries between painting, sculpture and architecture.

Hummel's work has been exhibited in numerous individual and group exhibitions throughout the West Coast and has been a recent addition to the prestigious CityCenter Fine Art Collection; *solinvegas* can be viewed in the VIP Slot area of the Aria Resort & Casino

As an added feature, CENTERpiece Gallery will be hosting a ***Conversation with the Artist***, date to be announced.

For more information, please contact the gallery at (702) 739.3314 or visit us online at [www.centerpiece.lv.com](http://www.centerpiece.lv.com)

### **ABOUT CENTERpiece Gallery:**

CENTERpiece Gallery, a 2,500-square-foot fine art and design gallery 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, designed by many of the contemporary artists and architects whose work is featured throughout CityCenter, including Claes Oldenburg, Richard Misrach and Jenny Holzer, as well as architects David Rockwell, William Pedersen, Cesar Pelli and more. CENTERpiece will be available for private fine art consulting services to those who wish to either begin collecting, or are interested in acquiring works for their home or business.

CENTERpiece is located along the lower level of Crystals Place, situated inside the Mandarin Oriental porte-cochere, next to Kiton and Carolina Herrera.

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