

For Immediate Release

Wired Gallery presents
XOX: LYNN HERRING'S NEWEST WORK
Printmaking and Sculpture

August 12-13: At artist's studio in Kingston, NY

August 19-20: At Wired Gallery in High Falls, NY

High Falls, NY—Wired Gallery will present **XOX**, a traveling showcase spanning over two consecutive Saturdays and Sundays of Lynn Herring's most recent printmaking and sculpture work:

August 12-13 at the artist's studio (5 Sterling St., #307, Kingston, NY) opening with a reception on Saturday, August 12, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

August 19-20 at Wired Gallery, as a show within a show (11 Mohonk Road, High Falls, NY) opening with a reception on Saturday, August 19, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The centerpiece of the exhibition is a big TIC TAC TOE game, of which Herring has derived prints and sculptural pieces of X's and O's in different colors and shapes. In addition to those, the exhibition includes recent etching and serigraph prints unrelated to the tic tac toe game.

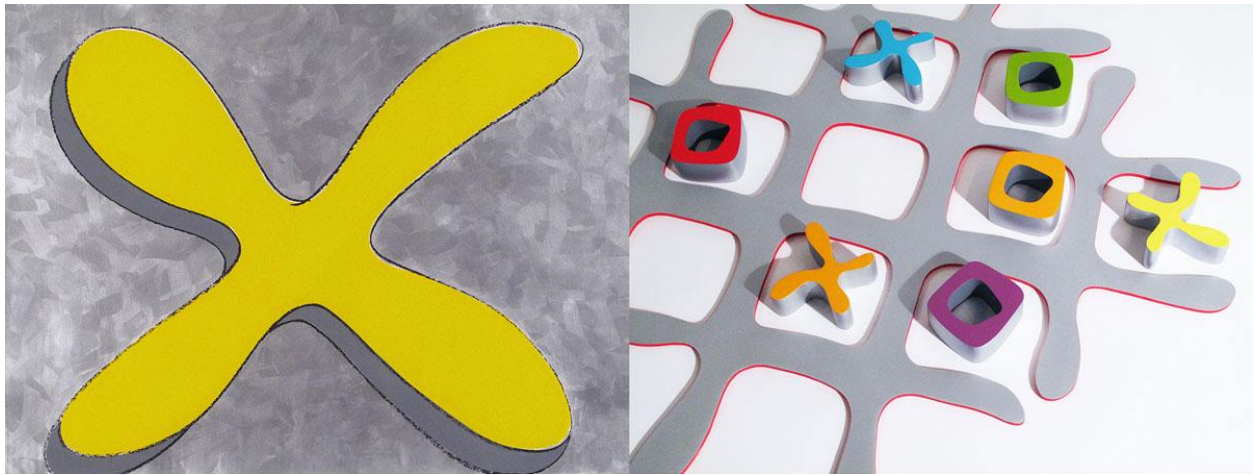
The inspiration to create the sculptural tic tac toe game and the XOX series came to the artist from the need to find an answer to this question: "How can we bring people together to set aside their differences, to sit down and relate respectfully, playfully and kindly with each other?"

Since tic tac toe has been around since ancient Egypt, most every culture knows this simple game. It just takes two people to get together to sit down and play with each other. It's an enjoyable easy match with another person and simple enough for young children to play. Herring writes "I began with the original tic tac toe game and then made it slightly more complex to help adults stay engaged playing the game with each other longer. I created a compound tic tac toe board, added some simple rules and a point system to help adults play strategically with each other.

By placing this game in public settings such as businesses, schools, galleries or in a city park and by adding these simple directions, I am asking people to engage with each other with no other purpose than to share something about their lives with each other while having fun. This is one simple way of bringing the village square back into our culture."

Her version of the more elaborate tic tac toe game comes with a new set of rules invented by Herring. Those rules will be on display at the exhibitions for visitors who do not know each other to play and to connect, which is the ultimate goal of the game and the show.

ARTIST STATEMENTS

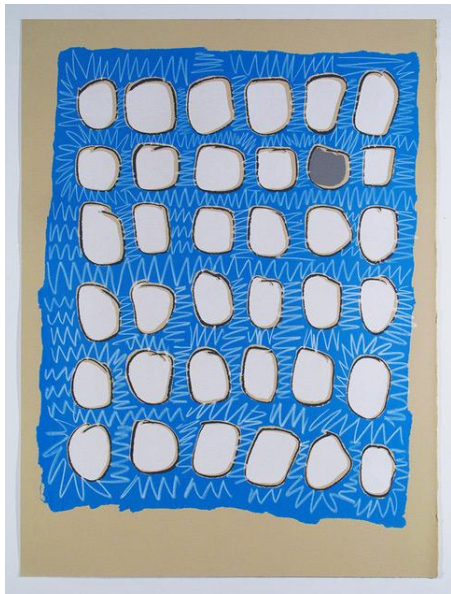


About The Tic Tac Toe Print and Game Show

After a trip to Oaxaca, Mexico last year and a visit to Venice about 10 years ago, I was struck by how much these older cultures still live in the village square. This is where they meet their friends, experience life and each other. They dance, play chess, or just sit and chat with each other. Their lives seem slower and more connected to their communities. Unlike the old world, in our city centers we sit in coffee bars, often alone, staring at our phones or laptops. We don't have time to sit and chat with each other. We are tucked away in huge perfect suburban homes or luxury apartments with professional chef kitchens, cinema-sized TVs, temperature-controlled in all seasons and protected from many of the discomforts of life. We are too busy at hectic corporate jobs to stop and talk with one another for an extended period of time. And ironically, we think we are a more advanced civilization.

Today, Americans, as a people and society, are being torn further and further apart by economic disparities, a dysfunctional political system, deceit, violent rhetoric, culture wars and the loss of common social values and ethical standards. Inspired by this toxic national condition, my interest is in putting my energy into work that helps find a way to unite people rather than continue to feed the schisms and animosity that has been tearing people apart.

I continue to ask myself: "How can we bring people together to set aside their differences, to sit down and relate respectfully, playfully and kindly with each other?" My idea was to develop a large-scale installation of prints and sculptural pieces out of X's and O's. The installation would include a centerpiece with a big tic tac toe game to help bring people together to play with each other. I believe that by creating a colorful and fun environment and asking people to play a simple game together without language, ideology or cultural barriers, with no elaborate rules or huge stakes to win, people will connect in a positive, enjoyable and visceral way with each other.



About Other Print Work

This work is about our interconnectedness with each other, nature and the Earth. We stand toe to toe in responsibility for how we treat each other, the planet and ourselves. There is profound love and joy in connection. That is living. The relentless pursuit of money and ambition for the sake of our ego is death. It is this busy disconnectedness that is destroying us and devouring the natural resources of our one and only precious planet.

My work is meant to bring a moment of happiness and to help people love and care about the beauty of this planet as well as enrich our connection to others.

Lynn Herring Studio

Address: 5 Sterling St., #307, Kingston, NY

XOX Exhibit Dates and Hours: Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Website: www.lynnherringartist.com

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Address: 11 Mohonk Road, High Falls, NY

XOX Exhibit Dates and Hours: Saturday, August 19, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Regular Hours: Saturdays and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

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