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Exhibition: j.shea *American Folk*

Dates: Sept. 26 – Oct. 26, 2008

Opening Reception: Friday Sept. 26, 2008 6-9pm

J.shea's *American Folk* opens at the AFS Gallery

In his first solo California show, J.Shea will exhibit a collection of work inspired by a cross country pilgrimage, from the East Coast to the West Coast earlier this year. Working in paint, assemblage and sculpture Shea has gathered and reconfigured nostalgic junk collected from the back roads, side streets and alleyways of: New Orleans, LA, Austin and Marfa TX, Bisbee and Tombstone AZ, Los Angeles and San Francisco CA, and his latest place of residence Portland OR.

Born and raised in Boston on steady diet of punk rock, religious iconography and classic Celtic championship runs Shea graduated from Art Institute of Boston and relocated to the West Coast to build a reputation as a sneaker designer, a rock poster artist and a puppet fabricator.

Most recently Shea has focused on fine art exhibiting his work in galleries and installation spaces across the country. The mixed media work is always hand crafted with a recycled twist combining influences from folk art, assemblage and all forms of street art. Its narratives are filled with visions of life, love, fear, and hope.

Opening reception free and open to the public will take place Friday evening September 26, 2008 from 6pm till 9pm.

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American Folk

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artist's reception

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AFS Gallery at Art From Scrap
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gallery hours

Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat: 10-2 Thurs: 10-6
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