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RILEY PAYNE AT CHAPTER HOUSE LANE

Chapter House Lane is excited to announce its April exhibition, 'Frames' by Melbourne artist Riley Payne.

The exhibition of new works, which runs from 3 April until 27 April 2014, is a playful commentary on the nature of consumer imagery and the opportunity for subversion and subtext.

Payne's 6 meticulously rendered greyscale drawings are overlain with colourful 'drawn sculptures', that attempt to meddle with the edge between amateur creation and contemporary art.

The internet-age archetype: what we would collectively imagine a goldfish, guitar, or good time at the beach to look like, is muddled by Payne, who causes incongruity with overlays of wobbly, sculptural shapes, and phrases that are ambiguous in meaning, like "any day now".

Beginning as loose single line drawings, the drawn sculptures have the hallmarks of bathroom-wall texta scrawl, telephone conversation doodle, and tagged public space. In Payne's case, the creative urge is elaborate, laboured, and meditated over until it becomes something more – a wry pictorial vandalism, with only shades of an initial instinct to simply *do*.

- Riley Payne's *Frames* opens with drinks from 6-8pm, Thursday 3 April. All welcome.
- The exhibition will run from April 3 to the 27th
- Payne has exhibited in New York City, at Ed. Varie in 2013 and been published by Perimeter Books, *'The New Fair'* in 2012. He was a finalist in the RBS Emerging Artist Award in 2011.

NEXT MONTH:

- *Give it up for Margaret* comes to Melbourne this May. As part of the festival, Chapter House Lane hosts; 'Terra firma: The Inquisitive Collector' an exhibition of ceramics selected from The Margaret Lawrence Ceramic Collection. Chapter House Lane will house hundreds of pieces including vessels and wall hangings from influential artists including Australian painter, Arthur Boyd.
- The Chapter House Lane 'pop-up' opens soon. We're building our temporary space in Collingwood for the launch in May. Stay tuned.

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To arrange an interview with the artist, please contact Louise Klerks on 0404 118 105

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