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## CoCA and Bherd Studios co-host at the Seattle Design Center *(Un)Sanctioned*

From August - September 2011, CoCA Design Center will present an exhibition co-hosted by CoCA and Bherd Studios, *(Un) Sanctioned*.

CoCA and Bherd Studios are collaborating to bring attention to Pacific Northwest urban contemporary artists creating sanctioned murals and/or ephemeral work in public urban environments. *(Un)Sanctioned* will educate viewers about a commonly misunderstood and perceived "outsider" art community and begin a conversation about the controversial nature of street art. The show will also celebrate the diversity of the unique PNW street style aesthetic which tends towards a cooler color palette utilizing greens and blues; often incorporating natural elements indigenous to our area; and also giving nods to Native American line form drawing and Asian pop culture.

Artists include: 179, Carlos Aguilar & KSera, Zachary Bohnenkamp, CASH, Duffy, Jesse Edwards, Hera, David Joel, Jesse Link, John Osgood, Parskid and Sneke.

There will be public, all ages event with dj and painting of a sanctioned mural on location, Sandbox Sports, 5955 Airport Way South, Seattle, WA 98108 on Saturday, August 6, 2011, 11am-5pm. Opening Reception with artists in attendance Saturday, August 13, 6pm-9pm at CoCA's most recent exhibition Space in the Seattle Design Center, 5701 6th Ave S Seattle, WA 98108. The exhibition, *(Un)Sanctioned*, will be on view through September 14, 2011.

Founded by the art mavens of Seattle in 1988, Center on Contemporary Art (CoCA) celebrates 30 years in 2011. CoCA serves the Pacific Northwest as a catalyst and forum for the advancement, development, and understanding of Contemporary Art.

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