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T/m EMBRACES OPEN SPACES

Line-up includes artist exhibit, trolley tours, and presentations

August 21, 2018 (KANSAS CITY, MO) – The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures (T/m) is pleased to exhibit the work of artist Randy Regier, one of 42 artists selected for the exhibition component of *Open Spaces 2018: A Kansas City Arts Experience*. In addition to exhibiting Regier's *Dreams of Flight*, T/m has planned robust *Dreams of Flight* events involving the artist. T/m is also an *Open Spaces* Expanded Field partner, offering a lecture on Lafitte Désirat fashion dolls.

***Dreams of Flight* Exhibit**

Saturday, August 25 – Sunday, October 28

As part of the *Open Spaces* Kansas City Art Experience, T/m will exhibit works from artist Randy Regier's *Dreams of Flight* series. *Dreams of Flight* spans three venues, with each location tailored to a key element of the work. The T/m installation explores childhood and play in the Cold War era through the lens of a toy and model kit. The work gradually reveals itself through two additional installations at River Market Antiques and KCAI Crossroads Gallery: Center for Contemporary Practice. Museum admission is not required to see *Dreams of Flight*.

***Dreams of Flight* Trolley Tours**

Saturday, October 6, and Saturday, October 13, 2018 | 11am

Experience all three installations of Randy Regier's *Dreams of Flight* series for *Open Spaces* through an imaginative artist-led tour, offered in partnership with KCAI Crossroads Gallery: Center for Contemporary Practice. Beginning at T/m, Regier will explore the objects of childhood play related to the Cold War. The narrative will continue as we travel by trolley to River Market Antiques, and conclude with a reception at KCAI Crossroads Gallery: Center for Contemporary Practice, before returning to T/m. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 816.235.8005 to RSVP.

***Dreams of Flight* Presentation**

Friday, October 19, 2018 | 6pm

Artist Randy Regier will discuss his *Dreams of Flight* series within the broader context of his work. Themes include memory, nostalgia, and the intersection of childhood fantasies and adult anxieties. Ticket price is \$10. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 816.235.8005. Light refreshments will be provided.

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Meet the Experts: Lafitte Désirat Fashion Dolls
Sunday, September 9, 2018 | 2-3pm

Get to know the experts at The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures through this monthly exploration of special topics. In honor of New York Fashion Week, Adam MacPharlain, Curatorial Assistant and Collections Manager of Fashion Arts and Textiles at the Cincinnati Art Museum, will explore the work of two dynamic women, Mesdames Lafitte and Désirat, who created doll-sized versions of French couture in early twentieth century Paris. Included with museum admission.

ABOUT RANDY REGIER

The work of artist Randy Regier explores how the fantasies of childhood can dovetail with the anxieties of adulthood, in particular in the case of the design of toys made and sold during the Cold War period. To maximize the impact of his sculptures, Regier also develops elaborate fictions that are intended to disguise the artistry of the works themselves, so that they tend to come across to the viewer as objects retrieved from the historical past. His best-known work is probably NuPenny Toy Store, a nomadic display of seemingly vintage objects that was most recently shown at Crystal Bridges Museum in Bentonville, AK, in 2013-14.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TOYS AND MINIATURES

The National Museum of Toy and Miniatures educates, inspires, and delights adults and children through the museum's collection and preservation of toys and miniatures. Located on the University of Missouri - Kansas City campus, the museum exhibits the world's largest collection of fine-scale miniatures and one of the nation's largest collections of antique toys. For more information, call (816) 235-8000 or visit www.toyandminiaturemuseum.org.

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