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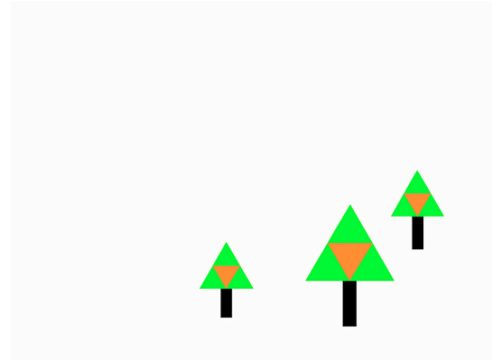
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Transformer is proud to present our 8th Annual DC Artist Solo Exhibition:

Tang: *Freedom & Its Owner*
October 30 – December 4, 2010

OPENING DAY/OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, October 30; 1-7pm

Transformer invites audiences to meet Tang & experience his work throughout the opening day, while enjoying flavored coffees & chocolates from ACKC, and live music by Lillie Ruth Bussey.



Transformer's 8th Annual DC Artist Solo Exhibition presents the work of Tang in his first solo exhibition. Marking his most conceptual work to date, Tang takes over Transformer's project space with a bold, highly stylized and meticulously rendered site-specific installation. As a culmination of Tang's previous works, *Freedom & Its Owner* is the ultimate combination of his life philosophy and travel experiences.

Originally from Thailand, Tang moved to Northern Virginia as a young teenager where he grew up skateboarding & BMX bike riding. He was very influenced by the music, design, and lifestyle of these sporting sub-cultures, which embrace personal freedom and being in the moment. Seeking to further fulfill the adventurous, free-spirited nature he found through these sports, Tang makes an effort to travel to one new country each year. Staying for at least one month, Tang integrates himself into local cultures, while marveling at nature's beauty in each land he encounters. For Tang, taking the time to contemplate and appreciate nature is part of owning his freedom.

Expressing this ownership visually, Tang uses architectural elements to contrast the confinement of his working life with the personal freedom he experiences while traveling. Constructing a wall within the gallery, Tang separates the constraining 'darkness' of everyday urban & suburban responsibilities, while highlighting the freeing 'light' of his month(s) long travels within mountain and jungle destinations. Referencing time spent hiking in the mountains of South America - his favorite destination - Tang incorporates large sculptural work of natural wood with brightly colored mixed media paintings, characterized by his signature geometric forms and figures.

Tang received his BFA in Fine Art at the Corcoran College of Art + Design, Washington, DC, in 2004. He attended the Skopelos Foundation for the Arts in Skopelos Island, Greece in 2003. Tang is a Teaching Assistant at the Corcoran College of Art + Design in the Printmaking Department, and is a Studio Assistant at the Hand Print Workshop in Alexandria, VA.

EXHIBITION HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 1 – 7pm & by appointment.

Image: Tang, Installation detail from *Freedom & Its Owner*

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