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In The Event That...

You Don't Own Enough Silly Toys

by Sam Tremble

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The Mr. Lertchman Toy Release Party and Monster Art Show

Opening reception Fri., Oct. 19, 7-10 p.m., exhibit runs through Nov. 19, Jinxed Clothing, 620 S. Fourth St., 215-978-JINX, www.jinxedclothing.com, www.steffbomb.com

Despite four years in the growing art-toy biz and a recent national distribution deal with DKE Toys, Langhorne artist Steff Bomb — proprietor of "i make monsters." — has yet to let anyone else produce her work.



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"Maybe one day I will master my sewing machine, but for now I don't mind spending 14 hours sewing a can of beer," she says.

"Although something like corn or turds doesn't take as long. I can make a bunch in one day."

Her growing collection of assorted and sordid stuffed animals includes Lyman the beer-drinking sasquatch, Mushy Mayonnaise the beer-drinking yeti, Mad Kern (a piece of corn that's her personal fave) and her latest, an angry-looking asparagus named Mr. Lertchman.

"It was cute," she says, adding quickly, "I swear I am not a weirdo."

The exhibit will also feature toys by a number of other local artists. Among them is fellow crafter Amanda Mello, who will display her Amandamals, a collection that has expanded from humble hand-sewn whales to ambitious renderings of squids and conjoined monster twins.

Bomb promises the opening-night party, thrown by Mike Supermodel at Jinxed clothing, will be sweet, complete with free booze, cupcakes and a raffle to win a toy turd.

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