

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED ARTIST 2009

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WHAT IS IT?

Based on the community supported agriculture model where people purchase annual shares of a farm's harvest, this project allows you to purchase a share of my studio production and receive artwork in return. This art version of a CSA is intended to create a community of support for a local, high quality and varied studio practice. When you sign up, you will contribute to the development of a young artist who makes some things that can be sold and has other projects with no hope for turning a profit, such as *Mammut Magazine*. In that sense, this is a speculative model for sustaining an art practice.

WHAT ART WILL I RECEIVE?

One share is designed for a household and half-shares are available. A maximum of 100 shares will be produced each year and while the works will be a series, they will not be an edition.

For 2009, a full share consists of one of each of the following:

- > **Rebuilding the Wall:** a 17"x30" blown-up version of a firebrick monoprint in black ink on archival watercolor paper. You choose the original print to be enlarged.
- > **Fundamentals:** a glazed ceramic piece suitable for tabletop or bookcase display.

ADDITIONAL SHARE OPTIONS

I can arrange for framing of the drawing (recommended) and/or shipping. You will pay market price for these services. Delivery is free within 25 miles of Culver City, CA.

ADDED BONUS!

Anyone who signs up for a 2009 CSA share or half-share will receive a free *One Merkel* ruler, which is the length of my right arm. This ruler indicates the proper distance for viewing my artworks and can also establish a good distance for arm-length self portraits.

HOW LONG WILL THIS PROGRAM LAST?

Depending on the level of interest, this could go on indefinitely. As a share member, you will be notified in advance if the program will continue or be canceled in future years.

PAYMENT

The 2009 price is \$250 for a half share or \$400 for a full share. There are two options for payment.

- > Option one is a payment via cash or check for the share and any additional options that you select.
- > Option two is a negotiation between us to establish an object, service or experience that may be traded, bartered or "shared." Selecting option two will result in a discussion where we decide what a fair trade might be and how that trade will take place. We will have to reach an agreement before the share is purchased.

If interested, please fill out and return the contract.

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2009 contract and price list

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

By filling out and signing this form, you commit to the Community Supported Artist Program for 2009. Your share will be delivered within four months of payment or by December 1, 2009, whichever is earlier.

PRICING

please check your desired share and additional options

___ Full share: \$400

___ Half share: \$250

circle one: drawing sculpture

___ *One Merkel* ruler: Free

___ Framing (recommended for drawing): \$150

___ Shipping: (free delivery within 25 miles of Culver City, otherwise market price for FedEx or UPS)

PAYMENT OPTIONS

please circle one

Cash/Check

Barter/Share

If Barter/Share, indicate what is being traded: _____

And once we agree on this, your initials: _____

my initials: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Please return this form to:

Matthias Merkel Hess Studio, 8535 Warner Drive, Culver City, CA 90232

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Total amount owed: _____ Payment date: ___/___/2009 Share Number _____