

DRAWING ON HAPPINESS

Spex on Central Street holds “Art+Vision” event with drawings and OGI Eyewear trunk show.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – August 5, 2011 – Chicago, IL - Spex, Chicago’s premier destination for luxury eyewear and sunwear, holds their next “Art+Vision” event with mixed media drawings by Elise Hylton. The opening reception is on Thursday, September 8 from 5-8 pm, at 2000 Central St., Evanston, IL, 60201; 847-864-0300; www.spexchicago.com. The work will be on view through October 7, 2011. Refreshments and appetizers will be served. A trunk show featuring the OGI Eyewear collection will be on view during the reception.

“OGI Eyewear continues to stand apart from prevailing styles” store manager Peggy Kick says. “The entire collection will be available for preview during the trunk show; for me it’s really about the style details. The handmade Italian frames are crafted in premium acetate; that detail makes a really big difference in how the frames feel. OGI’s humble beginnings as a small midwestern company have evolved into a powerful luxury eyewear brand known the world over.”

Elise is a very prolific artist whose affiliation with The Arts of Life, Inc. – a Chicago organization committed to providing high quality, innovative services for developmentally challenged adults, has created an ideal creative culture for Elise’s artistic imagination to take flight. “Art makes me happy and takes me to my happy place” says Ms. Hylton. “When I get an idea I have to do it right away or I’ll lose it – like spontaneous combustion, it just happens!” Elise prefers to use markers for their immediacy but is reaching out to new mediums as well; she’s quite adept at rendering still life via acrylic paints and portraying animals with colored pencil. Ms. Hylton carefully constructs stories and images in tandem with a back-story; her usage of architect templates to design character’s faces ensure her method and shapes remain pretty distinctive. “It’s fun! I invent my own characters,” says Elise.



Spex is synonymous with offering artfully crafted eyewear and sun wear to a stylish and discerning public with an eye for beauty and function. Their product selection ranges from sleek and minimal to vibrant and eclectic. Style and function merge in unparalleled designer collections from season to season, while attentive and knowledgeable customer service rounds out the experience for the fashion-forward shopper. Dr. Sanela Puskar, specializing in primary eye care, is the in-house optometrist and encourages all customers to come in for a comprehensive eye exam. Most major medical and routine vision insurances are accepted.

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