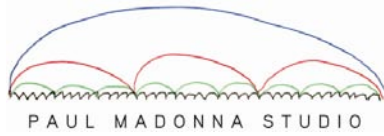


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Paul Madonna Solo Show: Things Your Grandmother Taught You To Steal To Survive A Depression



Artist and writer Paul Madonna blends his skillful drawing and wry wit to shed an ironic light on a creative means to make it through these tough economic times. In a nod to depression-era ideals, Madonna uses his keen eye for detail to create affordable drawings of "free" condiments he's collected recently from cafés, deli counters or directly from tables during the blue-plate special. Toothpicks, soy sauce, mini-creamers, honey packets are just a few of the items rendered in Madonna's articulate pen, ink and watercolor drawings.

Find Paul Madonna's *Things Your Grandmother Taught You To Steal To Survive A Depression* on display in BellJar's gallery from May 20 through June 17, as well as featured in the *Believer* magazine's upcoming June issue. BellJar's gallery serves as a nice compliment to the eclectic collection of gorgeous little things in the Mission District storefront.

Paul Madonna writes and draws two weekly strips, *All Over Coffee* in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *Small Potatoes* on *theRumpus.net*. His first book, *All Over Coffee*, was published in 2007 by City Lights Books, and the first edition of his new drawing book series, *Album*, will be published this November by Electric Works. Paul's drawings and prints are shown in galleries and museums, and this summer a five-year anniversary show of *All Over Coffee* is on display at the Jewett Gallery in the San Francisco Main Public Library. On top of it all, in 1993 Paul was the first ever Art Intern at *Mad Magazine*, for which he proudly received no money.

Exhibition: *Things Your Grandmother Taught You To Steal To Survive A Depression*
Date: May 20 – June 17, 2009
Opening: Friday, May 22, 6-9pm
Location: BellJar, 3187 16th Street, San Francisco
Cost: Free
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