

(m)ad-libs

**Robert Arneson, Gustav Hamilton, Lucia Hierro, Nina Katchadourian,
Scott Reeder, Edgar Serrano, Mungo Thomson, Alice Tippit, Trevor Winkfield**

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We are pleased to present *ad-libs*, a exhibition featuring paintings, drawings and sculpture
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by Robert Arneson, Gustav Hamilton, Lucia Hierro, Nina Katchadourian, Scott Reeder, Edgar Serrano,
Mungo Thomson, Alice Tippit and Trevor Winkfield. Inspired by the classic word game, *ad-libs* looks
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to artists who use substitution or combinations to humorous or critical effect.
ADJECTIVE

Surrealism is a(n) for many of these works, particularly in the case of Robert Arneson's
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trompe-l'oeil and saucers. In other cases, the anthropomorphism of objects like
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or calls into question basic ideas of form and function, while making language an
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essential part of the work. For Trevor Winkfield and Scott Reeder, not only do their paintings
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visually, but they also act as a kind of code, into multiple sets of . A more
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fundamental is examined in Nina Katchadourian's *Animal Crossdressing*, where predator and
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prey each participate in a role-playing exercise that uses costuming to identity.
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Personal, cultural and whimsical abound, particularly in the work of artists like Edgar
PLURAL NOUN
Serrano, whose compositions many disparate elements to create a more complex whole.
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A similar strategy appears in Lucia Hierro's work, where images of objects are stand-ins
ADVERB
for the objects themselves, addressing the of such banal items as a bag of groceries. In a
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more vein, Mungo Thomson's *Snowman* emulates the basic structure of the titular "man"
ADJECTIVE
however in a medium more readily available than snow: packages.
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