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PATRICK TURK

Exhibition Title: *Patrick Turk: All of This From Nothing*

Exhibition Dates: September 10 – October 8, 2016

Opening Reception: September 10th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Cris Worley Fine Arts is thrilled to introduce Texas artist and eccentric, Patrick Turk in his first solo exhibition with the gallery, titled, *All of This From Nothing*. An opening reception will be held, Saturday, September 10th, from 5-8pm. The show will run through Saturday, October 8th.

Quasi-scientist and self-taught artist, Patrick Turk explores the mysteries of the universe in his highly detailed and imaginative hand-cut paper assemblages. Images taken from any number of resources including: science-fiction novels, encyclopedias, history and scientific diagrams, are cut and assembled in oftentimes multidimensional surfaces to create a curious and dark narrative. Says Turk, “The intense levels of detail become a microcosm, forming a reflection of the human relationship to the plasticity of time and space, and to the process of self-unfolding.”

This latest body of work consists of 10 five-sided, three-dimensional assemblages, each referencing various pictorial interpretations of the Garden of Eden, a subject matter endeavored by artists throughout the history of art. Turk says that he chose the topic rather fluidly. “It really just started when I found these beautiful images of foliage... I thought, wouldn't it be cool to do The Garden of Eden?”

Patrick Turk was born in Galveston, Texas and lives and works in Houston. His assemblages have been exhibited throughout Houston in galleries including Art Storm, Lawndale Art Center and Rudolph/Projects/Art Scan as well as galleries in Galveston, Texas and Los Angeles, California. In 2013, he was an Artist in Residence at the Lawndale Art Center. His works have been published several times in *Mung Being Magazine* and include high profile commissions for the 2009 Houston Art Car Parade Poster as well as the Philokalia album cover by Golden Cities. Patrick Turk will be one of 60 artists included in the forthcoming book, *The Art of Found Objects: Interviews with Texas Artists* (Texas A&M Press), authored Robert Craig Bunch, and released in the fall of 2016. He will also be featured in the concurrent exhibition, *The Art of Found Objects*, held at Lone Star College - Kingwood in November 2016.

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PATRICK TURK IMAGES (also attached separately to email):



Animals, 2016
35 x 30 inches
hand cut paper & mixed media on panel



Animals (detail), 2016
35 x 30 inches
hand cut paper & mixed media on panel