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CoCA presents *You Will Get Through*, an installation by Jeff Gerber

From April 11- June 17, 2012, CoCA Belltown Gallery will present an exhibition by multi-media artist Jeff Gerber, *You Will Get Through*.

Opening Reception with the artist in attendance, Wednesday, April 11, 7pm-9pm at CoCA's Belltown Gallery, 2721 First Avenue. The exhibition, *You Will Get Through*, will be on view through June 17, 2012.

Gerber creates work in surrogate spaces on road. Hotel rooms and burnt-out parts of the city have become his studio. While he does not consider himself a street artist, he sees the street as art and uses punk, metal and all-out noise influence to bring these elements together. By highlighting urban objects that evoke security and restraint (such as a fence, the net of a basketball hoop, a confessional), Gerber re-contextualizes them and introduces an element of ambiguity. *You Will Get Through* is a site-specific installation that explores "the path from obscurity into manifestation," a concept he appropriates from *feng shui*. The three different groupings explore the prepositions "Over," "Through," and "Within" as a means of expressing spatial relationships as they occur in urban environments cluttered with barriers, dead-ends, and cul-de-sacs.

Gerber fabricates "barriers", renders portraits on glass bottles with a painterly hand, and links repeated patterns through out the exhibition. PORTAL, for example, references to the iconic basketball hoop and explores the prepositions "Over," "Through," and "Within" with emotional and metaphorical relationships.

Born in Washington, Jeff Gerber lives and works in Seattle as a professional art installer, traveling the world to install art in major public and private collections. He attended Cornish College of Arts and you can find him playing in his glitter death rock band, Aztec.

CoCA's Belltown Gallery focuses on site-specific installations that take advantage of the unique nature of this space, engaging the urban environment and community of which this space is a part.

Founded by the art mavens of Seattle in 1988, Center on Contemporary Art (CoCA) celebrates supporting artists for over 30 years. CoCA serves the Pacific Northwest as a catalyst and forum for the advancement, development, and understanding of Contemporary Art.
