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InLiquid at the Bride presents

HOPE FOR A BETTER WORLD

Work by Nikolay Milushev

September 2 – October 29, 2011



Nikolay Milushev, *Dysfunctional Society*, 2009 -2010, mixed media on paper, 23" x 38.5"

Painted Bride Art Center Café Gallery

230 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA

First Friday receptions: September 2 and October 7, 5 - 7 pm

(Philadelphia September 2011) This fall, **InLiquid** presents ***HOPE FOR A BETTER WORLD***, an exhibition of works by artist Nikolay Milushev at the Painted Bride Art Center Café Gallery. There will be an opening reception for the artist on **First Friday, September 2, 2011** from 5 to 7 pm, and an additional reception on **October 7, 2011** from 5 to 7 pm.

HOPE FOR A BETTER WORLD features selections from Milushev's past two collections, *Virtual Millennium* and *World in Distress*. In his unique and often chaotic style, Milushev creates complex, large-scale works that boldly comment on sociopolitical issues across the globe. Each piece paints a fantastical, surreal visual retort to pop culture and media consumption. Pulling from an extensive pool of influences and iconography, among them referencing the Low Brow Movement, the video game industry, and a certain instinctual viciousness active in our media and society. Most of all, he is intrigued by human nature itself, his work standing as a personal platform for commentary and criticism that remark on these societal observations. This collective body of work intends to shine light on hope itself, reminding us of its glistening possibilities that exist even within times of despair. Milushev inspires hope for our personal development as human beings, hope for our environment, and overall hope for our survival as a species.

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Nikolay Milushev, originally from Haskovo, Bulgaria, has paved his way as a conceptual painter who draws aesthetic inspiration from American pop art and surrealist movements. In 2001, he moved to the United States to study at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, followed by participation in exhibitions across the United States in addition to Europe and South America. Milushev currently lives and works in Philadelphia.

The public hours for the Painted Bride Café Gallery are noon to 6 pm, Tuesday through Saturday, and until 7 pm on the First Friday of each month.

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