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Media Release

STEEL 'N PAINT

Friday June 28th, 7pm

Annex Art Centre 1075 Bathurst Street at Dupont

The Annex Art Centre's new show "**STEEL 'N PAINT**" features sculptures by former **Ugly** and **Viletones** bassist Sam Ferrara (AKA Screamin' Sam, Sam Ugly and Sam Sinatra). Sam has been exhibiting his work to sold out, standing room only audiences at his Cameron Christmas Show for over a decade, and at the Annex Art Centre since 2013.

Working primarily with steel and metal material (wrenches, saws, railroad spikes and farm tools), his work ranges from tiny safety pin creatures and insects crafted from cutlery, to lamps, mobiles, furniture and a tricycle. A self-taught artist who welds and blowtorches the hell out of found objects he spots on the street, in abandoned buildings and your father's garage, Sam was feted by Henderson's Brewery last year when their beer "The Ugly" was launched. It celebrates Sam's contributions to the Toronto arts scene from the revolutionary punk rock scene of the 70's to his current Sunday matinee at the Communist Daughter with fellow artist John Borra (where the music Sam beguiles from a saw - yes a saw again! - will break your heart). *See videos below.*

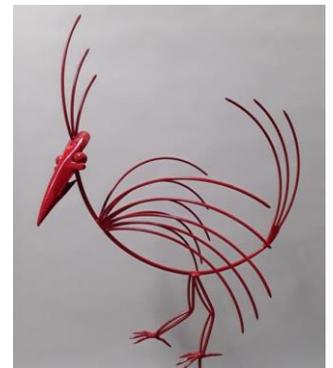
His sculptures are in the collections of luminaries and scoundrels including renowned sculptor Evan Penny, Blue Rodeo's Greg Keelor and the University of Toronto.



Sam Ferrara



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The Annex Art Centre presents us with the opportunity to see Sam's newest works in **STEEL 'N PAINT**, which will also feature the works of sculpture **Serge Fortin** mixed media artist **Milena Roglic** and painter **John Vegter**.

The show's reception launches at 7:00 pm and will spill out into the Centre's courtyard well into the night.



Milena Roglic



John Vegter



Serge Fortin

Tucked into a row of shops in the (soon to be gentrified) Bathurst and Dupont area of the city, **The Annex Art Centre** was founded by Michele Morgan in 2012. She has curated shows by artists, artisans and creators including Jimmy Chiale, Carolina Reis and Heeny Levy. Her passion also lies with the creative art program she has been running for children since 2012.

"Now more than ever children need to be encouraged to use their imagination. Art is a beautiful venue for them to express their thoughts, hopes and fears in the most creative way. My goal is to provide an environment where they feel important and safe from judgement. My achievement is when they make art they are proud of and have a lot of fun doing it."



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In September, the Annex Art Kids will be exhibiting at the UN International Peace Day at the Coliseum in Rome, Italy!

Please call or text Michele to arrange interviews and to learn more. [416-833-8373](tel:416-833-8373)
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PArANJaMnMU>
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You tube video Screamin' Sam 'Do You Like It'



YouTube video Rattlesnake Choir 'Somebody New'