

**MCQ Fine Art presents....**

**THE ART OF LAS VEGAS HARD CORE**

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**ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24**, from 6-9pm, as a prelude to the **Las Vegas Hard Core Reunion Gig** at the **BACKSTAGE BAR & BILLIARDS-** MCQ FINE ART will present an exhibition of flyers, photographs and memorabilia from this special part of Las Vegas history. The art of drawing flyers to announce punk rock shows was a tradition that was handed down from generations before. The drawings reflected the music which was a direct expression of the emotional content of the audience it served. There was a rawness and energy that was unlike anything seen before. These are not only unique works that reflect the art of a generation and genre that was raw, passionate and powerful, they are also historical documents of a moment in time in Las Vegas history.

The early 80's was a time for bitter angst and aimless youth... "Out of this, a small group of middle class white kids started to respond to the music coming out of LA, DC and ultimately embracing the journey and joy of Punk rock. Self Abuse and their songs laid the mantras of those early days. Defining the energy that brought us all together; a chance meeting here, a lone star of hope in an underground record shop and you have the makings of a beautifully, naive scene. This was a direct response to the painful homogenized rock music that pumped out of every second hand Trans-am cruising the strip; a musical version of a slow excruciating death.. Foreigner, Journey, Van Halen, fucking Bon Jovi.

It said nothing and did nothing. Pompous stadium, hair rock, hyped up on good quality cocaine and bottles of Jack Daniels. It was everything that we weren't and it brought us all together, a fist in the face of friendship, blood and guts above the rest.... For better or worse this is who we became; this was our club, our gang, our music, our generation".... **LAS VEGAS HARD CORE...(by Marky Souter)**

**ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25th at the BACKSTAGE BAR & BILLIARDS-**, a reunion of some of the most hard core punk rock that this town has ever seen will revisit the glory days (SELF ABUSE, BAD ATTITUDE, 5150, FUCK SHIT PISS, LETHAL INJECTION, SCHIZOID, and ABEYANCE!!!) and come together to celebrate a time in our lives that was so unique that only a select group can really consider themselves a part of the "scene" – yes there have been later versions and "hangers on" that have attached themselves to this group- but those of us who were there – and we know who those people are – can truly say how special this time was. We were a family of misfits, coming together through the music that inspired us and made us feel like we were a part of something great.

**ABOUT MCQ FINE ART ADVISORY:**

A full-service art advisory firm with nearly 20 years of professional experience, Michele C Quinn Fine Art Advisory specializes in the acquisition, installation and collection management of post-war and contemporary art for private, public and corporate art collections. Services include the procurement of fine artworks by mid-career to established blue-chip artists and museum-quality, fine-art handling of private and corporate fine art collections. MCQ Fine Art Advisory features three exhibitions per year in its salon located in the heart of Downtown Las Vegas.

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