

JASON DUSSAULT

FOR IMMEDIATE ANNOUNCEMENT: RUSCHMEYER'S HOSTS ARTIST JASON DUSSAULT FOR SUMMER 'OFF DUTY' RESIDENCY

MAY 7, 2015 - MONTAUK, NEW YORK. Ruschmeyer's, a Chelsea Hotel, will host acclaimed artist Jason Dussault for an exclusive summer residency in Montauk. For five weeks this summer, Dussault will work on-site creating live his newest body of work *Off Duty*, a whimsical look at what classic superheroes do during their downtime, all crafted in Dussault's modern mosaic technique on vintage surfboards paying homage to the rich nautical heritage of Montauk. Guests and visitors to Ruschmeyer's can observe Dussault's work in progress through his daily work sessions, which at times invite the public to participate in helping to create his surfboard-based installation.

Every Sunday from June 21st until July 12th, Dussault will unveil a new piece within the *Off Duty* show for Ruschmeyer's guests. *Off Duty* will be on-view throughout the property from June 17 until July 17, with a permanent installation at Ruschmeyer's onsite throughout the 2015 season.

ABOUT OFF DUTY

Even super heroes need a little time off to enjoy the classic American summer vacation. *Off Duty* is Jason Dussault's latest body of work, a series of mosaic surfboard sculptures depicting super-heroes and comic book characters in various tongue-in-cheek "Off Duty" scenarios; Superwoman playing beach volleyball, Wolverine BBQing, Cat Woman partying and Spiderman water skiing, to name a few. *Off Duty* is whimsical reminder that even though we all mature into adulthood, we should never lose the connection with the innocence of our inner child. Dussault will create the sculptures in Montauk during his month-long Artist Residency at Ruschmeyer's. Each of the characters will be assembled with broken glazed clay on vintage surfboards sourced from Montauk. Montauk is the perfect place to create and display these playful characters on a tool that represents one of the most iconic American summer destinations.

ABOUT RUSCHMEYER'S

Evocative of a nautical summer camp, Ruschmeyer's was originally built in 1952 on three lush acres of lakeside woodland in Montauk. The recently renovated cabin-inspired guestrooms circle a central lawn known as The Magic Garden, with ping-pong tables and grills designed for both organized and spontaneous leisure. Ruschmeyer's offers a range of activities from bicycling to ping pong, paddle boarding and yoga, lawn games and bubbles for the kids, along with a rotating series of musical performances, theater troupes and artists in residence.



The culinary team behind The Smile in Manhattan, serves seafood dishes with fresh local ingredients in the main restaurant and outdoors in the garden, while the Electric Eel delivers endless nights of dancing and classic maritime cocktails. For more information, visit www.chelseahotels.com

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Jason Dussault, is Vancouver and New York based artist whose practice focuses on combining traditional forms of mosaic with pop-culture characters from his childhood and the present. The works presented recall the power of childhood memories through iconic characters that resonate with human nature's desire to retain an inner youth. Playful in nature yet anchored to the stringent values of adulthood, Dussault seeks to remind the viewer of a fragility that ultimately leads to self-awareness. While his appropriated versions of superheroes and other characters known in the mass media hearken back to Pop art of the 1950s and 1960s, they align contemporarily with artists like KAWS, Mitch McGee, Justin Gilzene, Ron English and Invader.

By using materials specific to the subject matter, each piece harbors a unique sentiment deeper than the nostalgic surface image. With the use of traditional mosaic media like tile and grout, Dussault also utilizes paint, resin, wood, vinyl, found ceramics, and vintage porcelain to create well-known commercial images of comics and cartoons. www.jasondussault.com

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