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Why it matters: The museum's own record of his year-long solo in the third-floor gallery of the Zanvyl A. Krieger Main Building.

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Matt Sesow: Shock and Awe

May 27, 2016 - May 28, 2017

3rd floor gallery, Zanvyl A. Krieger Main Building

Image Gallery

"Identical Twins" by Matt Sesow

2016. Oil and acrylic on canvas. Gift of the artist.

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"A Choice" by Matt Sesow

2016. Oil on canvas. Gift of the artist.

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"Guardian Angel" by Matt Sesow

2016. Acrylic and oil on canvas. Gift of the artist.

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About the Exhibition

"I have been bent and broken, but – I hope – into a better shape." –Charles Dickens

AVAM is thrilled to announce an all-new original art exhibition, MATT SESOW: Shock and Awe. Washington, D.C.-based self-taught artist Matt Sesow's "raw, visceral, good to the bone" paintings will be displayed in the museum's third floor gallery of its Zanvyl A. Krieger Main Building beginning Memorial Day Weekend 2016 (Friday, May 27, 2016) and remain on view thru May 28, 2017. Among the original 150 plus works on display, visitors will witness Sesow's salute to the first 100 American soldiers killed in the Iraq War, his fantastical depictions of animals and birds, personalized tributes to great humanitarians, his own autobiographical paintings, and an illustrated "Key" to understanding the artist's repeated singular language icons. Curated by museum Founder and Director, Rebecca Alban Hoffberger, this will be the first exclusive showing of Sesow's work at AVAM.

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