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OFF THE RECORD BY KERRY SMITH OPENS OCTOBER 18 IN THE MILLSTONE GALLERY AT COCA

ST. LOUIS (October 11, 2024)— Off The Record, a solo exhibition by artist Kerry Smith, opens in the Millstone Gallery at COCA on Friday, October 18. The exhibition is a series of Gouache paintings of iconic record label and album art. Off The Record runs October 18—December 10, 2024.

WHAT: Off The Record by Kerry Smith

Off The Record is a series of Gouache paintings of iconic record label and album art by artist Kerry Smith. The center holes are liner notes from the 1960s that often contrast the featured artist. Off The Record combines Smith's love for album art, graphic design, and fine art; the series was inspired by Beck's 2015 Grammy Award for best album.

Smith is an art director, graphic designer, and painter. His work is exhibited across the

United States and in London. Smith has also been featured in the international publications of PRINT magazine, HOW, Logo Lounge, and 1,000 Dog Portraits.

WHEN: The exhibition is free and open to the public October 18–December 10, 2024, during

COCA's regularly scheduled business hours.

Off The Record Opening Night Reception is Friday, October 18, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Millstone Gallery at COCA

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AVAILABLE Mee Jey, Gallery & Art & Design Manager at COCA

INTERVIEWS: Kerry Smith, Off The Record Artist

WEBSITE: cocastl.org/calendar/off-the-record/

SUPPORTERS: The Millstone Gallery is made possible by The Arthur and Helen Baer Charitable

Foundation, The Millstone Foundation, the Missouri Arts Council, and the Regional Arts

Commission of St. Louis.

The Millstone Gallery is free and open to the public. Since 2008, the Millstone Gallery has brought the community together to share and experience contemporary art, make personal connections to the work, and gain a greater understanding of the artistic process.

ABOUT COCA

COCA's mission is to *enrich lives and build community through the arts*. With a commitment to equity and access, COCA serves as a regional hub for learning in and through the arts for all ages from all backgrounds.

One of the most diverse cultural institutions in St. Louis, COCA serves more than 60,000 students, audience members, artists, and families from more than 250 zip codes every year. The fourth largest multi-disciplinary arts organization in the country, COCA is committed to supporting the vitality and creativity of more than 200 artists at the heart of their work in schools, community centers, local business, cultural organizations, and onsite at its campus in University City.

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