

A guy walks into a gallery: Majestic show finds humor in art



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As they were tossing around ideas for the Majestic Theatre's first themed community art show, Gabriela Oh and Lauren Daisley of the Majestic drew inspiration from some of the recent productions at the downtown Corvallis showplace.

For example: On stage currently is a lighthearted revue of poet and cartoonist Shel Silverstein's works for adults. And that came on the heels of a pair of weekends devoted to improvisational comedy.

So the idea eventually seemed obvious: Why not explore the idea of humor in art?

But as obvious as it sounded, Oh and Daisley still weren't sure that any artists would respond to the call for works. "It was such a new adventure for us, we didn't know how it would turn out," Oh said this week.

So there were some anxious moments as the deadline for submissions neared.

But when noon came on Sept. 9, the very first moment that an artist could submit works for consideration, Oh and Daisley were surprised and pleased to find four submissions in their inboxes.

Eventually, 11 works came through, and they're now on the walls of the Majestic's gallery as part of the exhibition "LOLZ! Instances of Humor in Art."

The works, all from mid-valley artists, come in a variety of media and a wide range of sizes, from C. Lill Abrams' miniature "Close Encounters of the Tiny Kind," to Niels Nielsen's black-humored multimedia effort, "Roadkill Cowboy," which clocks in at roughly 5 feet high and 15 feet across. As for the content of the pieces, let's just say that both live up to their titles, and lovers of puns will find at least a couple of works to admire (or to groan over).

Oh and Daisley plan to host other themed community art shows in the future, ideally once a

month, assuming that they have access to the gallery space. (The space sometimes is used for photos and other material documenting some of the Majestic's productions during the rehearsal process.)

But they haven't yet nailed down a theme for the next community exhibit, scheduled for November.

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What: "LOLZ! Instances of Humor in Art"

Where: The Majestic Theatre, 115 S.W. Second St. in Corvallis

Of note: A reception for the exhibit is scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday. The reception is part of this month's Corvallis Art Walk.