Chris Jordan’s *Running the Numbers* at the St. Louis Artists’ Guild

*RUNNING THE NUMBERS* by Chris Jordan

part of the Aggregate Exhibition Series at the St. Louis Artists’ Guild Galleries

Opening Reception: Friday, November 11th, 2011; 6pm–8pm


Internationally renowned photographer Chris Jordan will be showing pieces from his *Running the Numbers* series (which visualize statistics regarding mass consumption) at the St. Louis Artists’ Guild.

**Running the Numbers:**

Chris Jordan’s photographic series *Running the Numbers* looks at contemporary American culture through the lens of statistics. Each intricately detailed photograph portrays a specific quantity of something, such as two million plastic bottles (equaling five minutes of bottle use). Through his work, Jordan hopes to make real the gravity of our mass consumption, fueling individual and collective action towards creating a new kind of global community.

**About Chris Jordan:**

Since he first released his series *Running the Numbers* in 2007, Jordan has become an internationally acclaimed artist and spokesperson for social change. His work has been shown in art museums, festivals, and public venues both nationally and internationally. Jordan’s images have been featured in magazines, newspapers, television features, documentary films, books, school curriculums and blogs around the world. He currently lives and works in Seattle.

**The Aggregate Exhibition Series:**

The Aggregate Exhibition Series at the St. Louis Artists’ Guild is a group of six exhibitions in which artists, architects, and designers examine our culture of consumption and possible solutions for establishing long-term ecological balance.

**About the St. Louis Artists’ Guild:**

The St. Louis Artists’ Guild is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to be a resource and an advocate for creative expression, serving the Midwest as a center that exhibits, supports, and promotes the visual arts. Programs at the St. Louis Artists’ Guild include art exhibits, classes and workshops, and artist residency programs.

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Chris Jordan

*Plastic Bottles (detail)*

Digital photograph

2007

*Depicts two million plastic beverage bottles, the number used in the US every five minutes.*