



METAL MUSEUM

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NEW EXHIBIT TO OPEN AT METAL MUSEUM

*Opening Reception and Gallery Talk Set for Sunday, October 22, 3-5pm for
Tributaries: Zachery Lechtenberg*

MEMPHIS, TN – The Metal Museum invites the public to attend an opening reception for its newest exhibit, *Tributaries: Zachery Lechtenberg*. The event, which is free and open to the public, features a gallery talk by the artist and will be held at the Metal Museum, 374 Metal Museum Drive in downtown Memphis, Sunday, October 22 from 3-5pm.

Illinois-native Zachery Lechtenberg, who is gaining recognition for his mastery of enameling techniques applied to jewelry, is a young artist whose work revolves around his practice of illustration. His illustration and metalworking skills meet to create brightly colored cartoon-style imagery.

Lechtenberg earned a BFA in Metalsmithing from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville and an MFA from East Carolina University. With guidance from instructors and peers, he developed ways to transfer his imagery to objects. His work is often jewelry that incorporates the use of vitreous enamels. As a way to introduce different types of collectors to his work, Zachery's illustrations outside of jewelry are applied to other items such as stickers, plates and skateboards. As an avid collector of toys and other goods, his goal is to explore how and why he chooses the things he collects. By looking at the reasons he chooses to collect, Zachery creates different ways for the audience to interact with his work.

The exhibit will be on display in the Metal Museum's Keeler Galleries October 22 through January 14, 2018.

The Metal Museum's Tributaries series provides solo exhibitions for emerging and mid-career metalsmiths. The name is derived from the Museum's location along the Mississippi River, as well as from the focus of the series – artists whose work is beginning to have a significant impact on the metal arts community.

The Metal Museum receives ongoing support from: ArtsMemphis, Tennessee Arts Commission, Hyde Family Foundations and the Windgate Charitable Foundation.

WHAT: Opening Reception and Gallery Talk for new Metal Museum exhibit, *Tributaries: Zachery Lechtenberg*
WHEN: Sunday, October 22, 3-5pm
WHERE: 374 Metal Museum Drive, Memphis, 38106
COST: Free and open to the public
DETAILS: 901.774.6380; metalmuseum.org

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*The Metal Museum is the only institution in the United States
devoted exclusively to the preservation and advancement of fine metalwork.*

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