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**WindowBox Gallery at Raw Materials presents
Winning by Jim Winstead Jr.**

Exhibition Dates: March 10 - April 7, 2011



Winning is one of the phrases that Charlie Sheen has popularized in the wake of his public exit from his hit CBS television show, *Two and a Half Men*. Throughout his career, Sheen has publicly battled drug addiction and has been involved in a series of incidents of alleged domestic violence and violence against women, including recent allegations by his ex-wife, Brooke Mueller, that he threatened to stab her in the eye, and “vowed to decapitate her and send her severed head to her mother.” (*Los Angeles Times*, “Allegations against Sheen illustrate challenges police face in domestic abuse cases”, March 4, 2011.)

The pieces in the show pair Sheen’s newly-adopted catchphrase “winning” with examples drawn from Sheen’s past, putting the word in a more serious context than his own applications of it. It is a reminder that while Sheen may be entertaining, and it is possible to find entertainment in what appears to be his very public self-destruction, he has a history of violence that should not be overlooked.

This series of six 18 × 24" digital prints, each available as an edition of 10, is printed on Canson Infinity Arches Velin Museum Rag (250gsm) using Epson UltraChrome HDR ink. Each print is available for \$95, of which \$75 will be donated to charities related to the issues of domestic violence and violence against women. Framing can also be arranged at a discounted rate through Raw Materials.

Biography: Raised in Minnetonka, Minnesota, Jim Winstead Jr. graduated from Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California, worked as a software engineer on children’s educational games, Internet web services, and database technology, and is one of the founders of Raw Materials. Jim lives and works in Los Angeles. For more information on the artist, please visit <http://trainedmonkey.com/>.

WindowBox Gallery at Raw Materials is dedicated to exhibiting works of contemporary art from emerging artists. WindowBox Gallery is a small exhibition space located at the north side of the entrance to Raw Materials, a fine art supply store in downtown Los Angeles founded by three longtime downtown residents - artist James Adams, screenwriter Celia Esguerra and software engineer Jim Winstead. For more information on Raw Materials, please visit <http://rawmaterialsLA.com/>.

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