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**Jonah Takagi /
New American Design**
in partnership with Apartment Zero

Exhibition on view:
December 10 – January 8, 2011

Opening Reception for the artist:
Friday, December 10, 7-9pm

Artist Talk:
Saturday, January 8, 2011, 4pm

Civilian Art Projects and Apartment Zero excitedly join forces to present an exhibition by Jonah Takagi, a new American designer with an over-active imagination and a flare for the simple mechanics of good ideas. The exhibition opens to the public on December 10, 2010 and will be on view through January 8, 2011 at Civilian Art Projects in downtown Washington, DC.

Takagi creates objects and furniture that inspire, inform, and re-contextualize our surroundings into new design ideas, impeccably articulated. In his solo debut, Takagi has created limited edition lamps, one-off shelving, prototypes of new work, drawings, and a site-specific table installation created uniquely for the Civilian Art Project's gallery.

Since graduating from RISD in 2002, the Japanese-born, New England-raised, Washington D.C.-based designer has worked as a cabinetmaker, a full-time musician, a set builder, and a producer for an indie-rock kids' show called Pancake Mountain. In the past few years, Atelier Takagi has turned out a growing collection of tables, chairs, lamps, and shelves, many of which are currently in production at Matter, a design store in New York. In January, Takagi was picked to show as part of an emerging designers' showcase at the furniture trade fair IMM Cologne, and his American Gothic table was selected for a design show at Paris's Gallery Triode. He was recently awarded the 2010 Bernhardt Design American Design Honor as the Emerging Designer of the Year. Additionally, in the past year, he has exhibited at Dwell on Design, ICFF- New York, the IMM Cologne Furniture Fair, and the American Design in Paris.



His work has recently been featured in The New York Times, Interior Design, Details, Surface, DC Modern Luxury, Numero (France), Pasajes Diseno (Spain), Form (Germany), Elle Decoration (Norway), Attitude (Portugal), Monocle (UK), Intramuros (France), and Belle (Australia).

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Over the past 11 years, **Apartment Zero** has presented the Washington DC market with the very best in emerging and established industrial design talents, as well as produced design symposiums, traveling exhibits, and embassy and museum collaborations. They have partnered with the Smithsonian Associates, The Corcoran Gallery of Art, The Phillips Collection, Hillwood Museum, The National Museum of Women in the Arts and the Hirshhorn Museum, as well as the Embassies of the Netherlands, Spain, Canada, Sweden, Finland, Norway, and Australia. Apartment Zero has joined forces with the AIA and the IDSA as well as Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) and the Cooper-Hewitt. Some of the designers presented have been Marcel Wanders, Karim Rashid, James Dyson, Martin Azua and Constantin and Laurene Boym, to name a few. Apartment Zero has been featured in The New York Times, The Washington Post, Elle Decor, Surface, Wallpaper, Dwell, Details, Metropolis, Interior Design, Food&Wine, GQ, Azure, Abitare, Home and Design, DC Modern Luxury, The Chicago Tribune, InStyle, House Beautiful, Lucky, USA Today and Washingtonian, among others.



Civilian Art Projects is a premier gallery in Washington, DC representing emerging and established artists. Civilian supports artists working in a broad range of media including painting, photography, sculpture, works on paper, and other emerging forms. Founded by a curator and arts leader, Civilian brokers the connection between the public audience and the artist's private practice through a challenging exhibition series, public talks with the artist, off site exhibitions, art fairs, and other unique events and opportunities. Exhibitions have been reviewed by the BBC, NPR, Roll Call, Mother Jones, The Washington Post, Good Magazine, Daylight Magazine, and more. Civilian is located in the Mt. Vernon/Shaw neighborhood of Washington, D.C.

More images can be found at www.civilianartprojects.com. High-resolution JPEG images are available upon request. Exhibition hours are Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 1-6pm, Friday 4-8pm and by appointment set up 24 hours in advance.