

CHEESE + CRACKERS, GIN + TONIC, AND NOW...ART + VISION

Spex presents ART+VISION with the photography of Bill Burlingham

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – August 8, 2008 - Evanston, IL – Spex, the North Shore’s destination for luxury eyewear and sunwear, holds an ART+VISION event with photographer Bill Burlingham. The reception takes place on Wednesday, September 24 from 5-8 pm, at 522 Dempster St., Evanston, IL 60202; 847-864-5200; spexchicago.com. The show will run through October 29, 2008. Drinks & hors d’oeuvres will be served. The event is sponsored by Chicago Magazine and Lafont eyewear.

Through ART+VISION, Spex seeks to provide local talent a diverse and receptive audience within the context of a unique retail environment. Spex has always believed in the importance of encouraging the talent that drives all creative endeavors. These well-attended shows are largely due to local creatives who are given a platform for exposure and community connection. Manager Laura Bloom says, “Bill has such a great eye for finding the ‘perfect moment’ and capturing it in a photograph. There’s always something special about his work...a sense of humor, a way of finding just the right light and shadow, spontaneity...it’s all there and makes for a rich body of work that will fit perfectly into our space.”



Bill Burlingham's experience as a professional photographer includes advertising, marketing, educational, editorial, and annual report photography. Video projects range from commercial spots to music videos, with specialties in educational and non-profit fundraising. Working with his son Elliot, he has established Burlingham Photography as a studio known for its wit, creative vision and the ability to meet any creative challenge head-on. From annual reports to abstract imagery, Burlingham’s client base now includes The Art Institute of Chicago, Tatham EURO RSCG, WTTW, Northlight Theatre, Illinois Institute of Technology, Evanston Northwestern Healthcare, and the Museum of Science and Industry. He will also photograph your dog. For more information on the artist, visit burlingham.com.

Spex offers artfully crafted eyewear and sun wear to a stylish and discerning public with an eye for beauty and function. Their services range from contact lens fittings and eye exams to eyewear styling and repairs. Product lines are frequently updated, while attentive and knowledgeable customer service rounds out the experience for the savvy shopper. Dr. Gina Piper, specializing in primary eye care, is the in-house optometrist and encourages all customers to come in for a comprehensive eye exam. Most major medical and routine vision insurances are accepted.

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