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DETROIT PHOTOGRAPHER, PATRICK PANTANO, HAS FIRST SOLO EXHIBITION, "HEADS SHOT".

The Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit (CAID) announced today that it will feature a solo exhibition of the work of Detroit photographer Patrick Pantano. The exhibition, entitled "Heads Shot", will open on May 8, 2009 at the CAID's Rosa Parks gallery.

[Patrick Pantano](#) is a photographer and musician currently living and working in Ferndale, Michigan. As a self-taught artist he began shooting professionally at a catalog studio before establishing himself as a documentarian of the Detroit music community in the early 2000s. His portraits of the rock bands in Detroit appeared in many magazines and record covers, most notably his images of The White Stripes, which were used as the sleeve art for the multi-platinum selling records [White Blood Cells](#) and [Elephant](#), and appeared in thousands of magazines internationally including Spin, Rolling Stone, Time, and Newsweek. He has since been concentrating on fine art photography and has been experimenting with a minimalist style of traditional portraiture. Selections of these images were shown in 2007 as part of a group show at The White Wall gallery in Hamtramck, Michigan.

[Pantano](#) holds a Bachelor's degree in philosophy from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. As a musician he has toured North America, Europe, Australia, and Japan extensively with In the Red recording artists [The Dirtbombs](#).

Heads Shot will open with a public reception on May 8, 2009 from 6pm to 11pm. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public. The exhibition will run through July 3, 2009 in the second floor gallery. For further information please e-mail or phone the CAID at info@thecaid.org or (313) 899.CAID (2243).

The Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit is a community based non-profit organization. CAID fosters and promotes the essential link between contemporary arts and contemporary society through its exhibitions, performances, critical and public discourse, and the funding of contemporary arts and art related activities.

During an exhibition, CAID galleries are open **Thursday - Saturday from 12pm to 6pm or by appointment**, as well as one hour prior to concerts and special events. Groups and classes are welcome. CAID is located in the Woodbridge Historic District at 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd, (two blocks north of Warren Avenue, two blocks south of the I-94 expressway, three blocks west of Trumbull Blvd.). Admission to the exhibition is free and open to the public and free on street parking is available.

Images available upon request

Web links in this press release:

Artist website: <http://www.wine-poetry-or-virtue.com/>

Wikipedia page on the White Stripes' "White Blood Cells" album:
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_Blood_Cells_\(album\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_Blood_Cells_(album))

Wikipedia page on the White Stripes' "Elephant" album:
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elephant_\(album\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elephant_(album))

Artist and exhibition web page with CAID: <http://www.thecaid.org/pantano/>

Official website of the musical group The Dirtbombs: <http://www.thedirtbombs.net/>