

December 18, 2014

Dear Administrator,

I am pleased to write a letter of support for Zach Dorn, artist and creator of JUNK. We were so glad to collaborate with Zach to create a miniature metropolis hand-made from discarded items, knickknacks and other oddities. With the help of donations from our visitors and the community, many people cleaned out their attics and storage sheds to help bring JUNK to life. In doing so, Zach was able to build a whimsical display inspired by his artistic 'upcycled' creations.

This 625 square foot installation includes medicine cabinets, desk lamps, Victorian dollhouses, and other repurposed junk and found objects that not only inspired Thinkery visitors to make their own city features out of recycled materials but also provided an entry point for discussions of reuse and waste. This installation provided a platform to invite guest presenters and put on special performances.

Zach wrote and performed a puppet show entitled *It Was the Coldest Year* that he performed during opening weekend of the exhibition. Incorporating technology, he used a hand-held video camera and projector system to display the performance on a screen. Doing so allowed him to move freely throughout the city while creating the feel that the audience was moving throughout JUNK city too. This unique approach to storytelling and puppetry captured the audience at all age levels. The responses were overwhelming complimentary!

Thinkery staff were excited to take part of this collaborative effort and had a pleasure working along side Zach to see it through. His passion and creativity are contagious, bringing out the playfulness over the course of the construction and implementation of the installation. I would strongly recommend other organizations to consider working with Zach to place JUNK as a temporary or permanent installation within their facility.

Furthermore, I would be happy to answer any questions regarding JUNK and may be reached at the contact information listed below.

Sincerely,

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