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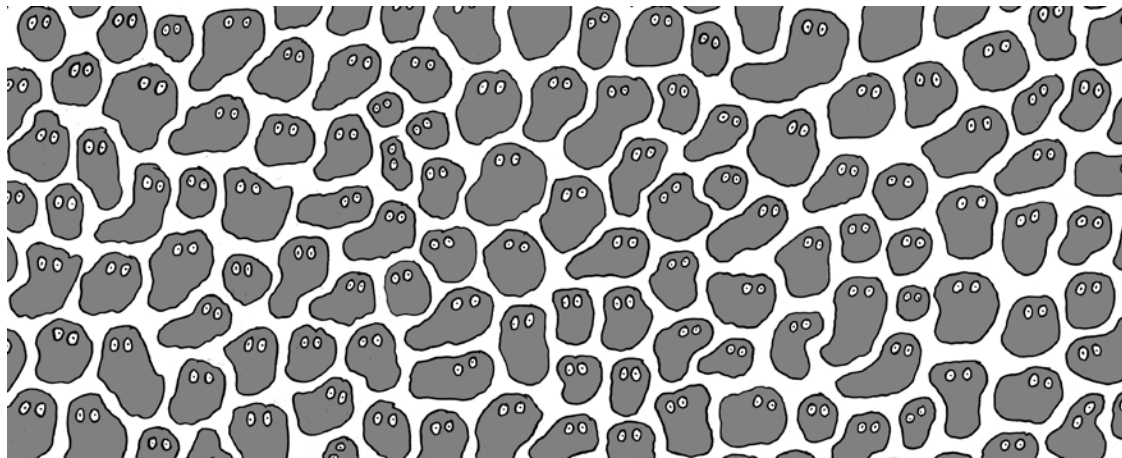
### A new mural by Russell Etchen

on view

February 27, 2016 – January 2017

Opening Reception Saturday, February 27, 2016

1 - 3 PM



### **About \_\_\_ Rocks** • Russell Etchen

North Exterior Wall

*Houston, Texas* – Lawndale Art Center is pleased to present a new mural by **Russell Etchen**. **About \_\_\_ Rocks** will be the sixth mural produced for the 3,200 sq. ft. north exterior of Lawndale. Etchen's mural will include a pattern of rocks or heads repeated throughout the mural that he describes as, "represent[ing] Us, You, Me. How so many of our lives have been distilled to one box or another. How individualism is an illusion. How we're parts of a bigger whole. How we've actually become digital heads-in-a-box—The Profile Picture. An avatar on screen. Floating EYES looking at everything." Etchen currently lives and works in Los Angeles California and is a founding member of Sketch Klubb and former director of Domy Books. The new mural, titled **About \_\_\_ Rocks**, will open **Saturday, February 27, 2016, 1 - 3 PM** and remain on view through January 2017.

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## ABOUT THE ARTIST:

Born 1979 in Shreveport, LA, **Russell Etchen** is an artist living and working in Los Angeles. A dilettante, recovering fundamentalist, and an emotionally damaged humanist, Etchen has spent twenty years unlearning, seeking, and striving for something that could be mistaken for integrity. Additionally, he's a founding member of Houston's underground music promotion collective Hands Up Houston, the former director of Domy Books, a founding member of Sketch Klubb, the art director of the short-lived magazine Left Of The Dial, and co-curator of The Secret History of Punk Rock: Visual Vitriol at Lawndale Art Center in 2000.

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<b>About Lawndale:</b>	Lawndale Art Center develops local contemporary artists and the audience for their art. Lawndale is dedicated to the presentation of contemporary art with an emphasis on work by Houston artists. Lawndale presents exhibitions, lectures and events, and offers an annual residency program to further the creative exchange of ideas among Houston's diverse artistic, cultural and student communities.
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<b>Gallery Hours:</b>	Monday-Friday, 10-5; Saturday, 12-5; Closed Sunday
<b>Admission:</b>	Free
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