## DEM PASSWORDS

IAN FLYNN
"MUGSHOTS & EVIDENCE"
August 18 - September 24, 2011

OPENING RECEPTION Thursday, August 18th from 7 to 10 PM



Dem Passwords is pleased to present Ian Flynn - MUGSHOTS & EVIDENCE.

Welcome to a universe where familiar faces fit naturally nestled in webs of abstraction. Figures emerge where colored patterns open up. Then, when you think it all makes sense, they start talking to each other! .....and it is FUNNY.

Most recently included in the American Visionary Art Museum's "What makes us SMILE?" exhibition, Ian's work shared the walls with the likes of Pedro Bell, John Root Hopkins, and even John Waters!

These are some of America's finest self taught artists, and he fit right in with them. His inclusion was not surprising since the funkiness of his characters and the effects of their presence does manage to pull an involuntary smile out of even the most critical viewers.

Each of his new color portraits is singular and unique, yet they are similar to each other like various subtle moods. It is definitely a state of mind we are dealing with when we face these dudes, and the sheer volume of the work is part of the message too. It's just enough to get lost and forget where you started....

Ian Flynn is an LA based artist born and raised in Atwater Village.

He has been showing his work professionally since 2003 and has been a practicing artist for as long as he can remember. Both of his parents are art makers and the act of creating is as natural to him as breathing or blinking.

Enjoy!

- Devin Flynn, artist and brother of lan