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Chris Jordan

Running the Numbers: Portraits of Mass Consumption

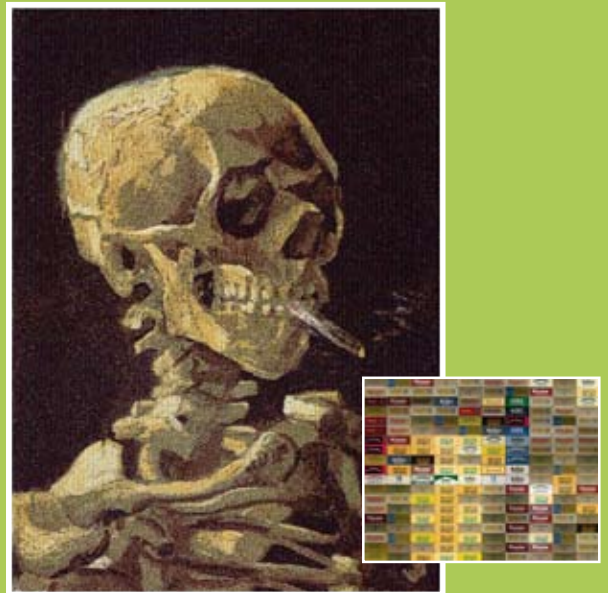
Monday, 10 November 2008

7:00 pm , VCUQatar Atrium

Refreshments will be served

Chris Jordan is a world-renowned photographer and environmentalist. His series of large-scale color photographs, *Intolerable Beauty: Portraits of American Mass Consumption*, features compelling images of the detritus of American culture. His recent project, *Running the Numbers: An American Self-Portrait*, has established him as an internationally acclaimed artist and spokesperson for social change.

Chris won the prestigious Green Leaf Award from the United Nations Environmental Program. His images have been featured in every form of print and electronic medium. He has exhibited in the US, Asia, Europe and South America and was chosen by National Geographic Channels International to serve as their eco-ambassador for Earth Day, 2008.



Chris Jordan, *Intolerable Beauty: Portraits of American Mass Consumption*, (left) **Toothpicks**, depicts one hundred million toothpicks, equal to the number of trees cut in the U.S. yearly to make the paper for junk mail.; (right) **Skull With Cigarette**, depicts 200,000 packs of cigarettes, equal to the number of Americans who die from cigarette smoking every six months.



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