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Thrilla in Manila, a Jen Bekman Project to benefit **826NYC**

Jane Mount and Jason Polan in a no holds barred draw-a-thon from Wednesday, December 3 – Saturday, December 6, 2008.

Reception and benefit sale: Monday, December 8, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

NEW YORK, NY – **Jen Bekman Gallery** is pleased to host artists **Jane Mount** and **Jason Polan** as they take over the gallery and go head to head in a live drawing experience. Come into the gallery, join in the drawing, learn how to draw, be drawn yourself, or just root for your favorite artist. Visit www.thrillainmanila.net for on the scene reports, updates about special celebrity guests and sneak previews of works-in-progress from the draw-a-thon.

On **Monday, December 8, 2008** the gallery will host a reception and benefit sale from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Work will be available to take right off the wall at affordable prices from \$50 to \$1,000.

On **Tuesday, December 9, 2008** at 2:00 p.m., a unique 20x200 edition will be released exclusively to collectors on the 20x200 mailing list. (Collectors can sign up at <http://www.20x200.com/maillinglist>) The edition will feature a blind selection of 222 original drawings created by the artists and special celebrity guests, hand-picked by Ms. Bekman and priced at \$20, \$200 + \$2,000 each.

The draw-a-thon ***Thrilla in Manila*** is at **Jen Bekman Gallery**, 6 Spring Street, New York, NY.
Hours: Wednesday through Saturday: Noon to six p.m.
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JANE MOUNT is an artist, product strategist, designer and entrepreneur. She has exhibited work in various U.S. cities, co-founded several companies, and has been a guest on the Oprah Winfrey Show. She is obsessed with learning and knows a lot about drawing, the internet, social networks, anthropology, art history, wine, human anatomy, furniture, cooking and golf. When she was little she believed that people kept learning and changing until they knew absolutely everything, and then they would die and move on to something else because they were done here. She is currently still on that mission.

JASON POLAN is an artist living in New York City. He has exhibited work all over the United States and Europe. He is a member of The 53rd Street Biological Society and Taco Bell Drawing Club. Polan is currently attempting to draw every person in New York. Polan's illustrations and projects have appeared in *Metropolis Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *Believer Magazine*, *Esopus* and *ARTnews*. His books have generated wide acclaim. His book, *Every Piece of Art in the Museum of Modern Art*, is a cult favorite. Mr. Polan is from Michigan.

826NYC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting students ages 6-18 with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write. They provide drop-in tutoring, field trips, after-school workshops, in-schools tutoring, help for English language learners, and assistance with student publications. All of their free programs are challenging and enjoyable, and ultimately strengthen each student's power to express ideas effectively, creatively, confidently, and in his or her individual voice.

JEN BEKMAN GALLERY Since its inaugural exhibition in March 2003, **Jen Bekman Gallery** has attracted the attention of critics, museum curators and collectors alike. Gallery artists and exhibitions have been featured in publications such as *ARTFORUM*, *Foam*, *Good*, *The New York Times*, *Interior Design*, *W Magazine*, *The Village Voice* and *New York Magazine*. Other Jen Bekman Projects include the biannual photo competition **Hey, Hot Shot!** and **20x200**, a website featuring limited edition prints at affordable prices.

20x200, a Jen Bekman Project, offers limited edition fine art prints at ridiculously affordable prices. Each week, Ms. Bekman introduces new prints and photographs via an email newsletter. Photographs and works on paper are offered in various sizes and editions, available for as little as \$20 each. The prints appeal to collectors emerging and established and often sell out in minutes. Launched in September of 2007, 20x200 has been a critical and popular success. Thousands of collectors, including museum curators, critics, and artists, have acquired 20x200 prints. The site has been featured in many publications including, *The Washington Post*, *Wired*, *Redbook*, *PDN*, *ReadyMade*, and *Dwell*, and most recently, *New York Magazine's* Best of New York issue.

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