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PostSecret artist Frank Warren to sign books at Artomatic May 4, 5 and 12

Local artist Frank Warren, the talent behind the well-known PostSecret project, will be signing copies of his books at Artomatic.

Copies of Warren's three bestselling books, "PostSecret: Extraordinary Confessions from Ordinary Lives," "My Secret: A PostSecret Book," and his latest work, "The Secret Lives of Men and Women: A PostSecret Book," will be available for purchase during the signing events.

Launched at Artomatic in November 2004, PostSecret is an ongoing community art project where people mail in their secrets anonymously on one side of a homemade postcard. More than 80,000 postcards have been received. PostSecret has attracted interest from around the world, and the project's Web site, www.PostSecret.com has been visited by more than 70 million people. Warren said that the exposure he has received because of Artomatic changed his life.

"None of this would have been possible without Artomatic," said Warren, a Germantown, Md., businessman. "For me, Artomatic was a gateway to a new more creative and fulfilling life."

The PostSecret signings will take place on Friday, May 4, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, May 5, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, May 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Visitors to Artomatic can also watch a video presentation of some of the PostSecret postcards Warren has received in room Yellow 6B25.

Held regularly since 1999, Artomatic features 90,000 square feet of paintings, sculptures, photography and other creative work. The event, which runs through May 20, is being held on the 6th and 8th floor of an office building at 2121 Crystal Drive, in Crystal City, Arlington, Va. The location is within walking distance to the Crystal City Metro station. Free garage parking is available evenings and weekends, but visitors are strongly encouraged to take Metro to Artomatic.

This year's Artomatic is presented in partnership with the Crystal City Business Improvement District. Artomatic is funded in part by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, an agency supported by the National Endowment for the Arts.

For directions and hours, call the Artomatic infoline at (202) 544-1005.

Artomatic

April 13–May 20, 2007

2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Va.

www.artomatic.org

Metro stop: Crystal City

Free admission, donations accepted

Hours

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Noon–10 p.m.

Thursday: Noon–11 p.m.

Friday, Saturday: Noon–1 a.m.

Closed Mondays