

**Featured Solo Exhibition: Your Deadly Desserts by Scott Hove**

**& Group Exhibition: Bite-Sized Monsters**

October 8, 2011 through November 6, 2011

San Francisco, CA — Modern Eden Gallery is pleased to announce Your Deadly Desserts, new works by Bay Area-based artist Scott Hove. The gallery will be transformed into a veritable “Cakeland” that will tingle your imagination and delight your eyes. The opening reception for Your Deadly Desserts will be held at Modern Eden on Saturday, October 8th from 7-10pm. (Press and Collector Preview at 6pm). Live music will be provided by DJ Ed Aten and drinks will be served to our 21+ guests. The exhibition will be on display through November 6, 2011 and is free and open to the public.

Your Deadly Desserts: Scott Hove’s cake sculptures have all of the appeal of the best cake you have ever tasted, but can never be eaten. The nature of edible cake is fleeting, lasting only as long as the brief celebration it was made for. Being such a destination of beauty, Hove’s cakes requires that it be equipped with its own defense, because the reality of beauty and perfection is that people want to possess it. The sculptures, with their display of beauty and potential for satisfaction, lure the viewer into a sense of anticipation. The viewer will slowly notice that these cakes contain defensive elements, not immediately seen, that create a sense of anxiety and fear. This in turn creates a visual and emotional resonance that is intended to represent what we all have to deal with in our lives everyday... the hunt for satisfaction, and the anxiety that we won't get it. Your Deadly Desserts is also a celebration of the artificial, and acknowledges our tendency to embrace the artificial in order to feel safe or receive emotional gratification.

ABOUT THE ARTIST: Scott Hove was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. He considers himself a primarily self-taught artist. His work encompasses a broad variety of media, from sculptural installations to painting. These works reflect on the relationship between the natural world and mechanical civilization, and the drama that occurs during this interaction. The materials and techniques borrow from traditional and decorative arts and craft to render the oftentimes jarring objects and fantasy installations. He currently lives and works in Oakland.

In conjunction with "Your Deadly Desserts", Modern Eden will be showcasing a group exhibition entitled “Bite-Sized Monsters” featuring small-scale works packed with big monster appetites and character! Exhibiting artists include: Leilani Bustamante, Lee Harvey Roswell, Jacob Kobrin, Christine Benjamin, Jessi Kempin, Lacey Bryant, Kim Larson, Marco Mejia, Katie Bacigalupi, Prunelle, Bradley Platz, Max Kauffman, Sophia Pousson, Vahge, MJ Lindo, Daniel J. Valadez, Sheri Jurnecka, Steven Suiter, Emilio Villalba, Kieran

Collins, Michelle Waters, Daniel Victor, Lucy Hillenbrand, Carlos Villez, Kristin Forbes-Mullane, Michael Foley, LiL JAPAN, Sean Sczepanik, Sarah Vanphravong, Michael Berninger, Jorge Mascarenhas, Jenifer Renzel, Steve Belmarsh, Megan Muir, Justin Kalmen, Matthew J. Price, Emi Slade, Mary Syring, and Preston Thomas.

Located in San Francisco's historic North Beach, Modern Eden was opened by local artists, Bradley Platz and Kim Larson in June 2010. Modern Eden Gallery has quickly become one of San Francisco's most exciting and attractive destinations for art. Modern Eden showcases talent-driven art by San Francisco's top emerging and established artists. Modern Eden focuses on figurative and illustrative paintings and sculptures in genres ranging from realism to surrealism. You can visit Modern Eden at 403 Francisco Street Wednesday through Sunday 11 am-7 pm or visit us on-line at [www.moderneden.com](http://www.moderneden.com).

When:

Opening Reception: Saturday, October 8, 2011 7-10 PM, Artist will be in attendance.

Closing Reception: In conjunction with First Fridays in North Beach, November 4, 2011, 6-9 PM

Where: Modern Eden Gallery

403 Francisco Street

San Francisco, CA 94133

Links:

Modern Eden Gallery: [www.ModernEden.com](http://www.ModernEden.com)

The Art of Scott Hove: [www.mshove.com](http://www.mshove.com)

DJ Ed Aten: [www.swift.fm](http://www.swift.fm)

FB Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=218920864827892>