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### **UU Santa Monica Presents: The Art of Robert Soffian**



*Gate 11 lady/wind*



*Little Red Face*

**(Santa Monica, CA, January 20, 2015) Artist Opening Reception: Sunday, February 1, 2015, 12 Noon to 1:30pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Santa Monica (UU Santa Monica).** The show will run through Sunday, February 22nd and is open to the public Sundays 9am – 1pm and on weekdays by appointment.

UU Santa Monica is proud to welcome artist Robert Soffian. He was born into a family that encouraged self-expression and personal artistic journeys. His journey has given him a rich a varied background--he spent part of his youth attending a radical art camp called Lincoln Farm, he went on to expand his personal and artistic horizons by travel throughout the world, and found work in Amsterdam as a government supported artist.

He eventually settled in to a 30 year career at Shasta College in Redding, CA as a professor of theater, directing and lighting countless productions. He has curated dozens of exhibitions and is credited with

discovering the Violent Femmes. During the last ten years, Soffian ventured from the public world of the theater to the private world of painting.

Soffian says this about his work, "I wish to paint things we all know or dream...very often I am first motivated by the excitement of the materials I am using...obviously I enjoy vibrant colors, and the texture of the physical body of the paint...for some reason, I have felt I needed to express something....what is the nature of that need and what it is compels me to keep doing this work is the subject of my life."

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Contact Beverly at [balison@aol.com](mailto:balison@aol.com), for further info about the artist or about exhibiting on the Art Wall at UU Santa Monica.

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On Sundays look for signs to free parking at 1311 16th Street, the UCLA Hospital structure just south Arizona. Handicapped parking is available behind the church.

### **About UU Santa Monica**

The Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica was founded in 1927 and is affiliated with the national Unitarian Universalist Association. The UU Santa Monica community embraces many beliefs and many backgrounds. UUs celebrate unity in diversity, affirming the supreme worth of all persons, held together through love and the spark of divinity that resides in us all. The community is also a Welcoming Congregation, welcoming all persons and families regardless of sexual orientation. With one of the largest UU Religious Education programs in Southern California, UU Santa Monica supports both youth and adults in their search for understanding, insight and inspiration. The church is an active center for social justice, peace and sustainability. For a full calendar of events visit [www.uusm.org](http://www.uusm.org) or connect with the community on [Facebook](#) or twitter [@UUSantaMonica](#).

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