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### **Jorge Mujica: *Double Dribble***

**Boston, MA** – Steven Zevitas Gallery is pleased to present *Double Dribble*, an exhibition of new work by Los Angeles-based artist **Jorge Mujica**. The exhibition will be on view from Thursday, September 3 through Saturday, October 17, 2015, with an opening reception Friday, October 2.

**On View:** September 3 – October 17, 2015

**Reception:** Friday, October 2, 2015, 5:00 – 8 PM

Since 2008, Mujica has set out to create paintings that are free and independent from walls. He engaged in an intensive study of Minimalism, Pop Art, classical art, and the Mexican muralists in search of a painting surface that was uniquely his. *Double Dribble* represents the culmination of that search.

Intended as an homage to both Los Angeles, Mujica's home city, and Boston, *Double Dribble* is a condensed recapitulation of the rivalry between the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers. As a young man, Mujica's primary reference to cities outside of California were professional sports. For him, Sunday morning specials with Ahmad Rashad were an important bridge that provided him with cultural access to other parts of the country, and in particular to the legacy of the East Coast and the foreign concept of changing seasons.

The title of the exhibition is taken from a 1987 Nintendo video game that Mujica, admittedly, over-played when he was a young boy. Each freestanding painting is realized from a whole sheet of aluminum, which is then powder coated and uniquely embellished. The positive and negative shapes work congruently to reference painting and sculpture. Semiotically, each freestanding painting uses its title as a poetic reference, evoking the past while simultaneously raising one's presence of mind. Each of the five designs aim to resonate with the energy and actions of the greatest Celtic's: Bob Cousy, Sam Jones, Bill Russell, Larry Bird, and Paul Pierce; and Laker's: Elgin Baylor, Jerry West, Wilt Chamberlain, Magic Johnson, and Kobe Bryant.

Mujica was born in Mexico City and presently resides in Los Angeles. He received an MA in Visual and Critical Studies from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2010 and an MFA from the Yale School of Art in 2012. This is Mujica's first solo exhibition at Steven Zevitas Gallery.

For additional information, please contact Steven Zevitas at 617.778.5265 (ext. 22). *Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11AM – 5 PM.*