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## EXENE CERVENKA and WAYNE WHITE *We're Not the Jet Set* Paintings, Collages and Sculptures

July 25 – September 5, 2009  
Opening reception Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>, 5 -8pm

Western Project is proud to present Exene Cervenka and Wayne White in *We're Not the Jet Set*. Each a long time resident of Los Angeles, they address contemporary America with an urban sensibility and found objects. Wayne White paints language on vintage framed lithographs, recalling the intelligence and incisive bite of Mark Twain. Exene Cervenka, lead singer of the seminal punk band X, collages remnants from her travels across the US: photographs, children's books, bullet boxes and other familiar pieces of Americana. Both artists point to a shared history – a Pop culture and cosmology illuminating the light and darker aspects of our society. Cervenka unabashedly explores desire and consequence; White's paintings are colloquial tidbits, humorous tales of knowledge. Both are after a kind of wisdom within the shadows of human nature. While clearly in the lineage of Marcel Duchamp and Joseph Cornell, these artists cut to the chase about who we are and what we are up to.

Exene Cervenka is currently touring with X, and included in *Celestial Ash; Assemblages From Los Angeles*, curated by Kristine McKenna at the Craft and Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles. Wayne White will open a solo sculpture exhibition at Rice University in September and is the subject of the recent release: *Wayne White: Maybe Now I'll Get the Respect I So Richly Deserve*, edited and designed by Todd Oldham and published by Ammo Books, LLC.

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