



Todd Franson studied both Graphic Design and Photography at The Savannah College of Art and Design. After returning to the DC-area in the early 90's, he exhibited his work at the Torpedo Factory, Strathmore Hall Arts Center, and as a member of The Triangle Artist Group, where he first met Scott G. Brooks. His photography first appeared in *Metro Weekly* in 1996. He is the magazine's longest-serving photographer and became its Art Director in 2007.

Image credit: Top: ICONS by Scott G. Brooks 2/11/16 Bottom: GENDER BLENDER by Todd Franson 4/22/04

About Vivid Solutions Gallery:

Vivid Solutions Gallery is an exhibition space that opened in 2010, located inside Anacostia Arts Center (1231 Good Hope Road SE, WDC 20020). Vivid Solutions is a project of ARCH Development Corporation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the revitalization of Historic Anacostia. Contact us at: (202)-631-6291 or arts@archdc.org.

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UNCOVERED

Scott G. Brooks & Todd Franson | May 27 - July 16

(Washington, DC) Vivid Solutions Gallery presents *Uncovered*, an exhibition that looks at cover art, as art. Unadorned by text and logos, the exhibition showcases the provocative illustrations of Scott G. Brooks and the lush photographs of Todd Franson that have captured the people, moments, and movements of LGBT culture in DC for over two decades on *Metro Weekly* covers.

***Uncovered* will run May 27 - July 16 in Vivid Solutions Gallery. An opening reception will be held June 4, 6 - 9 pm. Gallery Hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am - 7 pm.**

Franson's photography first began appearing on *Metro Weekly's* covers in in 1996, just years after the DC-based free weekly magazine for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community began publishing. Brooks came on board as a cover guy, creating digital illustrations in 2011 to tackle issues where the content was harder to capture on film. Whether in photograph or illustration, their cover art was the first impression of what was going in the LGBT community that week.

The two artists have picked some of their favorite images for *Uncovered* and titled them with that issue's headline. Limited edition prints of 15 will be available for purchase.



Scott G. Brooks is an artist and illustrator who lives and works in Washington DC. He has created artwork for *The Washington Post*, *Metro Weekly*, USDA, Philips Electronics, Goodwill Industries, and many more. He has also illustrated seven children's picture books. His artwork has been exhibited at The Royal West of England Academy, Last Rites Gallery, La Luz de Jesus, Mondo Bizarro Gallery in Rome, Flint Institute of Arts, and numerous college and university galleries. He began illustrating covers for *Metro Weekly* in 2011.