

# Mr. Fizz's Knocking Shop



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- Cases of McMuckrakers & Sons Select Treacle
- 2 Packs Arsey Arse Toilet Paper
- 8oz. Tins of Rubbish Polish
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TREACLE  
FREAK OUT



The Fountainhead  
of  
Mc Muckrakers  
and SONS  
Finest Treacle



Mr. FIZZ'S  
for all your  
Treacle making  
SUPPLIES



# The McMuckrakers Treacle Making & Oath

To make it thick, to make it ponderously,  
darkly thick, to make it so that no living  
thing may set foot in the treacle and emerge  
alive, to make it the Goddamnedest,  
blackest, syrupy glue that ever eked  
it's way out of a hog's head, to make it so  
that none will brave it and to make it's colour  
so dark that to gaze once into it's surface is to  
be lost forever.  
like the hood of  
hearse and to  
sweetness, to  
teeth of all who  
foul caries and  
to a premature  
in the blackest  
sweet most  
that man,  
did ever dare  
gain purchase  
of their tongue. I do swear this before the  
Council of the Barely Comestible, this  
Twelfth Day of February 1908.



Mc Muckraker Sr.  
"It be Muck"

To make it shine  
an undertaker's  
make it kill with  
make it riddle the  
imbibe it with  
bring them each  
end, embalmed  
most horrible  
unctuous gum  
woman or child  
to allow to  
on the carpet

Come See  
THE  
FOUNT OF Treacle  
(and don't be sticking your filthy  
finger in the hole if you don't  
mind)





## ADRIAN NORVID MR. FIZZ'S KNOCKING SHOP

MARCH 13 - APRIL 12, 2014

### ARTIST STATEMENT

My work consists of large format drawings, massed hangings of smaller, poster-like works, rangy paper constructions and laconic found objects. The works are installed so as to create a drawn environment, a saturated visual space loaded with imagery and possessed of a sort of Rococo impulse that leans towards patterning, excess and distortion.

The work is generated by impulse and whim and the fetishizing of objects and obscure cultural phenomena (milk crates for instance, have been a fixation for some years, albeit altered or repurposed). I am drawn to making stews of things - obscure associative narrative conglomerations - a-temporal and discontinuous. In my works, Psychedelia, Victoriana or Hillbilly backwoods can run together. The characters and objects may reference Elizabethan Ex-Libris, 70's analog electronic musical instruments, 60's children's annuals or current iconic product packaging and jingoism. Process and crafting are similarly divergent - intricate and laborious works with pronounced optical buzz coexist with crude forms that signal like pre-school toys.

I am preoccupied with non-sequiturs, inappropriateness, cheek or truculence, shabbiness and disorder. In many ways I like to debase things, to embrace the rotten or tasteless and I am interested in genres when they are sullied and bastardized.

### BIOGRAPHY

Adrian Norvid was born in the U.K. and currently lives and works in Montreal. His production focuses on immersive drawn environments with large-scale drawings, paper constructions and modified found objects. Norvid's concerns center around popular imagery, vernacular and kitsch with sources ranging from Psychedelia to Georgian era illustration. Recent shows include: *Wrongo* and *Finkola High/The Cantankerous Krank* at Galerie Joyce Yahouda in Montreal; *Shit House* and *Dummkopf* at Galerie Julia Garnatz in Cologne, Germany; *Goodnight Irene* with Jason Mc Clean at Jessica Bradley Art and Projects in Toronto; *the Montreal Triennial*; and *Showstoppers, Whoppers, Downers and Out of Towners* which toured to the Art Gallery of Windsor, the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa, the Rooms in St Johns and the McIntosh Gallery at the University of Western in London, Ontario. Adrian Norvid is represented in Montreal by Galerie Joyce Yahouda. Norvid's book *Nogoodniks* was published by Drawn and Quarterly in Montreal in 2011.

Adrian Norvid's works are in the collections of the Musée D'Art Contemporain De Montreal, The Bina and Ellen Gallery of Concordia University, la collection Pret d'ouvres d'art de la Musée Du Quebec, the Battat Collection and the Colart Collection.

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