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## **Artists go BIG at A.P.E. Ltd.**

**Witness a giant portable printing press in action on April 1 and 2.**

**Northampton** - Watch the Big Tuna, a portable print press whose size inspired its name, reel off large-scale woodblock prints carved by local artists on Saturday and Sunday at A.P.E. Ltd, 126 Main Street.

BIG INK LLC, a New England-based art education company, is teaming up with A.P.E. Ltd. for a second time. A group of artists started carving monumental woodblocks in February using traditional Japanese chisels. BIG INK Director Lyell Castonguay has been guiding them through the process via online instruction.

"Seeing woodblocks printed at this scale is impressive," states Lyell Castonguay, BIG INK's Founding Director. "It's like magic. The woodblock is inked, sent through the press, and an image appears on the paper."

BIG INK raised over \$15,000 in capital to build a traveling print shop in 2016. They now tour the country, hosting dozens of workshops in partnership with museums, universities, art centers, and galleries.

The event will be open from 11 AM to 4 PM on April 1 and 2, where visitors can see up-close printing demonstrations.

The slate will feature appearances by Samantha Durfee, Iwalani Kaluhiokalani, Molly Paul, Kate Ricketson, Richard Deon, Kevin Berube, and Nancy Doniger on Saturday.

Sunday's artists are Alison Friedlin, Jessica McKeon, Heather Kasunick, Kevin Cross, Peter Cangialosi, and Dara Herman-Zierlein.

Admission is free.

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