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## **Artists go BIG at Artspace**

**Witness a giant portable printing press in action on April 8.**

**Raleigh** - 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 Artspace, 201 E Davie Street.

BIG INK LLC, a New England-based art education company, is teaming up with Artspace for a third 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 8, where visitors can see up-close printing demonstrations.

The slate will feature appearances by Calvin Ulrich, Manju Rajendran, Ken Boda, Sarah Whitney, Amy Friend, Alexandria Clay, Natacha Sochat, Leticia Alvarez, Timothy Rittenhouse, and Jamaica Gilmer on Saturday.

Sunday's artists are Bree Stallings, Adrienne Desrosiers, Leslie Bartlebaugh, David Eichenberger, Michelle Wilkie, Nicole Goddard, Megan Weston, Jason Lord, and Selena Zhang.

Admission is free.

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