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**SHELDON ART GALLERIES WINTER/SPRING EXHIBITS  
FEATURE PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS BY CHICAGO-BASED ARTIST FRANK TRANKINA**

ST. LOUIS, MO - The Sheldon Art Galleries presents *Frank Trankina: Superheroes and Night Stories*, March 4 – May 21, 2016 in the Nancy Spirtas Kranzberg Gallery. **An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, March 4 from 5 – 7 p.m.** Galleries are open until 9 p.m. for First Fridays in Grand Center. The Sheldon Art Galleries are open Tuesdays, Noon – 8 p.m.; Wednesdays - Fridays, Noon – 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and one hour prior to Sheldon performances and during intermission. Admission is free. For more information on exhibitions, visit the galleries' website at [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org). *The exhibition is made possible in part by Barbara and Arthur McDonnell.*



Chicago-based painter Frank Trankina explores the duality of still life and storytelling in exquisitely painted scenes that are created with collections of anthropomorphic objects, vintage figurines and toys. A series of gouache paintings also explore the environment, processes and materials of artmaking, which are a reminder of the dusky work of James Abbott McNeill Whistler and Giorgio Morandi. Though Trankina's works allude to Old Master still life paintings, they stand firmly within our contemporary world – and often refer to human relationships and all of their idiosyncrasies.

Trankina received his M.F.A. degree in painting and drawing from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in painting from Northern Illinois University. His work is represented by galleries in Chicago and Tokyo, Japan and has been exhibited internationally and nationally. His work is found in numerous international and national private collections and is in public,

permanent museum collections. Trankina has a studio in Chicago and is a Professor of Art at Northern Illinois University.

**Image Credit:** Frank Trankina, *Dream Cabinet*, 2010, oil on linen, 62 x 48 inches, courtesy of the artist.

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