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## Grätütöös Umläüt

Curated by Jacob and Justin Gibbens

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Opening Reception:

Thursday, May 7, 5-8 pm



Clockwise from top left:

**Marcel Schobel**, *Samson*, video still, 2009

**Steve Seeley**, *Danzig Deer*, acrylic on paper, 2007

**Justin Taylor**, *Angus*, oil on panel, 2005

**Jason Lahr**, *Diver Down*, acrylic on panel, 2009

This May, PUNCH presents its most brutal show to date. Raise your fists and shout at the devil, as brothers Justin and Jacob Gibbens have amassed a visual onslaught of righteous work by artists who reverently and joyfully tip their hats and bang their heads to an often marginalized and misunderstood subculture: the culture of Heavy Metal. Culled from around the globe, these artists utilize the iconic and bountiful visual language of all genres of heavy rock music in wondrous and oh so clever ways. Prepare to have your ass kicked and your spandex split, because this one goes to eleven.

Jacob and Justin, spawn of two loving and nurturing parents (Lois and Merle Gibbens), were reared in a healthy, supportive environment, grew up as typical honor roll kids, and can both more or less function normally and productively in society. Yet, since their youth, they've been self-described metal heads. Jacob's all-time favorite band is *AC/DC*. If Justin were honest, he'd tell you that *Metallica* is his, fully realizing the shame and regret that holding this opinion elicits.

Dawn Cerny Seattle, WA  
Boo Davis Seattle, WA  
Garek Druss Seattle, WA  
Jeremy Dyer Brooklyn, NY  
Louis C. Fir The Depths of Hell  
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