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Artist **Craig Carlisle**, who is currently living in Los Angeles, arrives in Columbus this week to attend the opening of his 11th solo show at Sharon Weiss Gallery. The exhibit runs April 6 - 30 at 20 East Lincoln Street. Carlisle first made a name for himself in Columbus in the 1990s with his Big Head paintings of gigantic colorful primitive-looking heads. Since then, his work has evolved to include other characters. Teddy Bird, introduced in 2003, is now a trademarked name and the subject of a children's book and product design Carlisle is working on. Newly conceived Fuzzy Dinosaur, as well as the dog characters Valley Dog, Domino, and Ding Dong are now on display at the Sharon Weiss Gallery. Developments over the past year include a solo exhibition at George Billis Gallery in Los Angeles, a radio interview with art dealer Molly Barnes that can be heard on his Web site, and a bout of surgery in January as a result of a tendon disrupting Carlisle's sciatic nerve that caused considerable pain and laid him up for almost two months. He is currently undergoing physical therapy but was well enough to make the trip to Columbus in order to attend the opening and greet all of his beloved friends and admirers. The opening reception is Friday, April 6 from 6 - 9 p.m.