

# POSTMASTERS

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**DAVID HERBERT** "I ♥ New York"

*Opening reception: Saturday, January 6, 6-8 p-m*

Postmasters Gallery is pleased to announce **David Herbert's** "I ♥ New York", show of sculptures and drawings to open on Saturday January 6, 2007.

**David Herbert** is a recent graduate from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. In his first solo exhibition in New York he explores the idea of great metropolis (and by extent of civilization as a whole) in final stages of collapse and disintegration. The show centers around 14 feet tall sculpture of the Empire State Building in a state of progressive decay; other sculptures represent equally iconic landmarks of New York City: Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, and a collapsed subway car, all deceptively colorful and visually striking like a carnival mask on a terminal patient. A related series of drawings reaches into US history to further emphasize the apocalyptic Americana: KKK member with a burning flag, women taking over men's jobs during WWII, depression era speaker at the base of George Washington statue – these images are psychedelically frenetic on the surface and dark inside. Although not topical to current events Herbert works reflect our moment in time, full of doubt and pessimism on one side, and decadent irrational exuberance on the other. If there will be anybody left to discover our ruins centuries from now, they may indeed look like Herbert's sculptures.

*Postmasters Gallery located at 459 west 19<sup>th</sup> street between 9 and 10 Avenues is open Tuesday through Saturday 11 – 6 pm  
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