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Todd Sanders: Roadside Neon

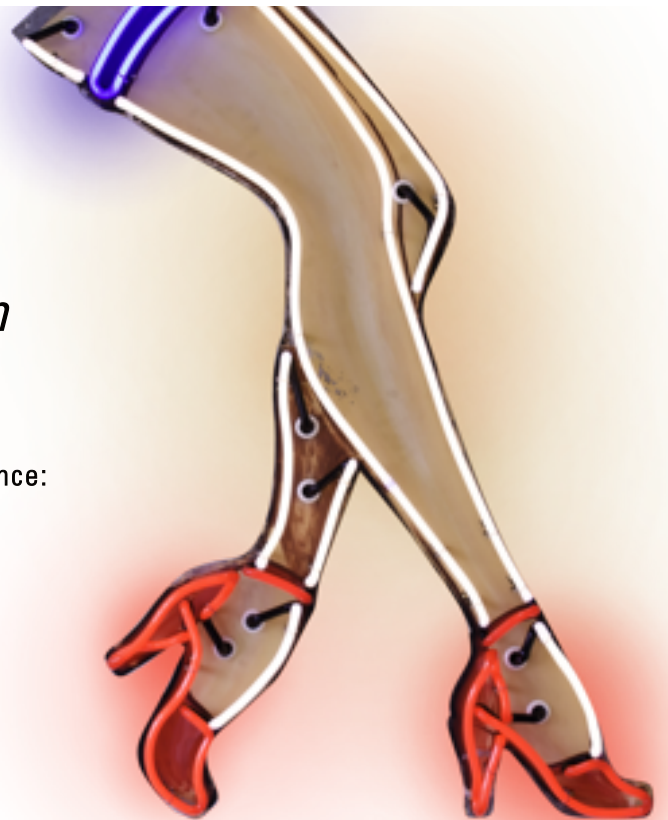
On View: June 7 – July 21, 2019**Opening:** First Friday, June 7, 6-9 PM**Todd Sanders Artist Talk & Wayne Hancock Performance:**

June 22, 7 PM at Guthrie Green, 111 East M.B. Brady Street

Free Admission

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Tulsa, OK— 108|Contemporary is excited to introduce our upcoming exhibition *Todd Sanders: Roadside Neon*. With celebrity fans including Miranda Lambert, Johnny Depp, Willie Nelson and the Kings of Leon, Austin- based artist Todd Sanders celebrates and commemorates the long-underappreciated craft practice of neon. An art form that is iconic to the American landscape, the neon artists of the 20th-century were in many ways the architects of the Route 66 image that has embedded itself into the identity of our nation. Todd Sanders continues this tradition of bespoke creation by constructing rustic, pop-culture imbued neon pieces that are thoroughly fun, earnest, and captivating. From bar signs to luchador masks, his work will fill the 108|Contemporary gallery and the building's facade and glow throughout its tenure.

In addition to this delightful exhibition, we are excited to partner with Guthrie Green and the Route 66 Alliance for some exhilarating programs. Todd Sanders will join his long-time friend and musician Wayne “The Train” Hancock for a joint artist talk and honky-tonk concert on the Guthrie Green stage. Hancock’s uncompromisingly rockabilly sound recalls the classic Americana shown in artist Todd Sanders’ neon art shown inside (and on the facade of) 108|Contemporary. Later in the exhibition, we will host a fascinating talk on the rich history of Route 66, and its impact on the American and Oklahoman landscape, hosted by Route 66 Alliance Executive Director Ken Busby.

This exhibition is generously sponsored by Maxine & Jack Zarrow Family Foundation and Shannon and Eric Richards.

108|Contemporary is a non-profit community arts organization that supports Oklahoma’s contemporary fine craft artists. We envision a community where world-class craft and design exhibition programming inspires and educates audiences of all ages; where Oklahoma’s cultural traditions flourish, and local artists thrive.

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