

Rat Fink's Revenge **A Tribute to Ed "Big Daddy" Roth**

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Opening Reception: Friday, June 7th; 8-11 PM

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Ed "Big Daddy" Roth (March 4, 1932 – April 4, 2001) was an artist, cartoonist, pinstriper, custom car designer and builder who created the hot-rod icon Rat Fink and other extreme characters. Roth was a key figure in Southern California's Kustom Kulture and hot-rod movement of the late 1950s and 1960s and is one of the fathers of Lowbrow Art. He turned the automobile into a moving sculpture and through his hot-rod-art and cartoon character Rat Fink inspired and helped launch the careers of artists such as Robert Williams and Rick Griffin. In the decades that have passed, Roth's original fans have grown up to become artists, filmmakers, mechanics, and executives. Roth has become an action figure, a bobble head and has achieved timeless cult status along the way. At first it may have seemed that Rat Fink was originally drawn for us to laugh at--as ephemera. Now he's the one laughing--Rat Fink's Revenge indeed!

This collection of 40 Rat Fink statues is taken from the book ***Rat Fink's Revenge***, compiled by David Chodosh with Ken Morgan and Michael Polis. The project originated as a way for the author and contemporary artists to exorcize their inner Fink--the sick monster inside that needs to come out and show itself to the world. All the contributors, for whom Rat Fink is part of their soul, were given the same foot tall resin model kit to customize.

La Luz de Jesus in partnership with David Chodosh, is proud and honored to present this collection based on Ed Roth's most notorious Custom Monster featuring Kustom Finks by Anthony Ausgang, Glenn Barr, COOP, Ron English, Natalia Fabia, Mark Mothersbaugh, KRK Ryden and many others.

[View the show preview here](#)

Rat Fink's Revenge Artists:

Anthony Ausgang
Glenn Barr
John Christenson
Coop
Enamel (Yoshikatsu Sato)
Ron English
Natalia Fabia
Craig Fraser
Fudemae (Daesuke Maeda)
Jack "The Italian" Giachino
Dave Higgins
House Industries (Adam Cruz)
Jason Jacenko
Jim Koch
Chris Lain
Mike Languein
M & K Custom (Makoto Kabayashi)
Weldon McDowell Jr.
Ken "Mitch" Mitchrone
Mark Mothersbaugh
Mr. G. (Minoru Goto)
Greg Oakes
Brandt Peters
Jake Peterson & Lauren F. Adams
The Pizz
Psycho Graphix (Satoru Taneda)
KRK Ryden
Chris Ryniak
Shakin' Speed Graphics (Tomonori Shimizu)
Tomonori Shimizu, Shakin' Speed Graphics
Ray "El Vago" Smith
Bwana Spoons
Joe Sulpy
Mike Sutfin
Shane Syx
T's Design (Yasushi Tanaka)
Cameron Tiede
Derek Welch & Jason Bacon (UNKL)
Voltaire
Wish (Yukiko Yamazaki)
Chet Zar

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