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PRESS RELEASE, October 16th ***2012 Leaping Trout Art Project***

What do trout and motorcycles have in common? Two of the artists participating in the 2012 Leaping Trout Art Project produce artwork for custom built motorcycles, otherwise known as choppers.

Robb Ortel is an American artist best known for his work as the in-house airbrush artist on the reality television show ***American Chopper*** on the ***Discovery Channel*** where he is known for his unapologetic candor and never being afraid to speak up for what he is passionate about: high quality art.



Jason Pohl's "Dead End" is painted on a base of D.O.T.-approved all-weather, reflective yellow caution vinyl sign material. The bullet holes were made with a Sig Sauer P226 .40 caliber handgun. That's significant because the artwork is hanging in *J Rocco's Restaurant*, on Route 28 in Shandaken. Johnny Rocco was the name of the gangster played by Edward G. Robinson in the Humphrey Bogart/Lauren Bacall film "Key Largo".

Jason's artwork has been featured on *American Chopper*. It is no irony that J Rocco's Restaurant often hosts bikers cruising scenic Route 28.



Find Jason Pohl and Orange County Choppers on facebook.

The Leaping Trout Art Project wishes to thank Orange County Choppers for their essential and valuable contribution. The shop produced the precision aluminum-plate trout cut-outs used by the thirty-five participating artists.

About Trout Unlimited and the Leaping Trout Art Project

The Ashokan – Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited has created the "Leaping Trout Art Project". This all-volunteer, community-based art project is designed to raise public awareness of the critical importance of water quality in the Catskill Watershed, the water supply for nine million New Yorkers.

Starting with identical 36-inch aluminum plate cutouts in the shape of a leaping trout, 35 local artists had creative freedom to work in any media to transform the blank 'canvas' into a rich mosaic of artwork for the public to enjoy.

These artworks are currently on display at various public locations from Phoenicia to Woodstock in Ulster County, NY. You can access a map of the Leaping Trout Art Trail at www.TheLeapingTrout.com

At the conclusion of the fishing season in the fall of 2012, the school of 35 trout will be swimming together for an exhibition at *The Art Upstairs* at 60 Main Street in Phoenicia with an opening reception on November 17th from 6 – 8PM. The exhibition will be on

view through December 14th. Check www.ArtsUpstairs.com or (845)688-2142 for gallery hours.

Artists of The 2012 Leaping Trout Project

[Tina Bromberg](#)



Displayed at: [Bread Alone, Woodstock](#)

[John Byer](#)



Displayed at: [Bread Alone, Boiceville](#)

[Linda Byer](#)



Displayed at: [The Tender Land Home](#)

[Ann Byer](#)



Displayed at: [The Arts Upstairs](#)

[Andrea Cabane](#)



Displayed at: [Cabane Studios](#)

[Dave Channon](#)



Displayed at: [Boiceville Liquors](#)

[Patricia Charnay](#)

[Suzy Chase-Motzkin](#)



Displayed at: [Morne Imports](#)



Displayed at: [Woodstock Library](#)

[Sunday Dawne-Marie](#)



Displayed at: [Skinflower Tattoos](#)

[Jessica Dearden](#)



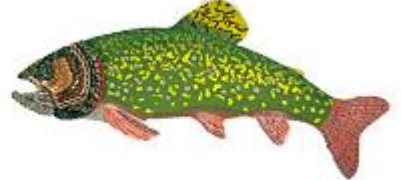
Displayed at: [Overlook Mountain Bikes](#)

[Rose Dorn](#)



Displayed at: [Catskill Rose](#)

[Bill Durkin](#)



Displayed at: [Catskill Art & Office Supply](#)

[Joan Elliott](#)



Displayed at: [Woodstock Hardware](#)

[Lynn Fliegel](#)



Displayed at: [60 Main](#)

[Chip Gallagher](#)



Displayed at: [Sportsman's Alamo Cantina](#)

[Shalom Gorewitz](#)



Displayed at: [Pine View Bakery](#)

[Lance Hoffman](#)



Displayed at: [Catskill MountainKeeper](#)

[Janette Kahil](#)



Displayed at: [Tiso's](#)

[Steve Ladin](#)



Displayed at: [Threads of Time](#)

[Lucy Lasky](#)



Displayed at: [Phoenicia Pharmacy](#)

[Pamela Martin](#)



Displayed at: [Pine Hill Community Center](#)

[Erica Minglis](#)



Displayed at: [Key Bank](#)

[Doris Moorehouse](#)



Displayed at: [Phoenicia Library](#)

[Dakin Morehouse](#)



Displayed at: [Boiceville Inn](#)

[Astrid Nordness](#)



Displayed at: [Peekamoose](#)

[Robb Ortel](#)



Displayed at: [Brio's](#)

[Lois Ostapczuk](#)



Displayed at: [Landmark Café](#)

[Margaret Owen](#)



Displayed at: [Sweet Sue's](#)

[Gavin Owen](#)



Displayed at: [Mama's Boy](#)

[Jesse Owen](#)



Displayed at: [Phoenicia Deli](#)

[Jason Pohl](#)



Displayed at: [J Rocco's Steakhouse](#)

[Julia Santos Solomon](#)



Displayed at: [Ulster Savings Bank](#)

[Christie Scheele](#)



Displayed at: [Sweet Sue's](#)

[Tom Stratton](#)



Displayed at: [Reservoir Inn](#)

[S.B. Woods](#)



Displayed at: [Nest Egg](#)

For additional information and downloadable images, please visit:

www.TheLeapingTrout.com

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