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THE2NDHAND broadsheet installment 20 release party and reading
Saturday 20 May 2006, 7:30 PM
Quimby's, 1854 W. North Avenue, Chicago, 773-392-0910, FREE

With readings by THE2NDHAND contributors

Lauren Trojnia (from Austin, TX)

Susannah Felts (Chicago)

Gretchen Kalwinski (Chicago)

& THE2NDHAND editor **Todd Dills**

THE2NDHAND, Chicago's quarterly broadsheet and online magazine (the2ndhand.com) for new writing, marks its sixth anniversary with a reading by Austin, Texas, writer Lauren Trojnia, whose work comprises the 20th edition of THE2NDHAND's lit broadsheet. Trojnia's "This Is How You Paint a House" is a tale exploring the moral bankruptcy at the heart of America's current cultural moment. When a Dominican-born housepainter is contracted by a suburban Pennsylvania couple to put a coat of American Anthem on their ranch-style home, their contractual agreement becomes something else entirely, the housepainter and man of the house reaching an unanticipated empathy -- something approaching camaraderie, even -- before their disparate backgrounds and temperaments intercede and send each back down his own well-trod path to drunken dissolution.

Trojnia will be joined by THE2NDHAND contributors Susannah Felts and Gretchen Kalwinski as well as editor Todd Dills (see bios below).

Lauren Trojnia writes and teaches preschool in Austin, TX. **Susannah Felts** is on the faculty of SAIC's creative writing department, and she's a frequent contributor to the *Chicago Reader*, among other publications. **Gretchen Kalwinski** lives and writes in Chicago. Lately, her journalistic work has appeared, in addition to her fiction being featured at THE2NDHAND.com, in the *Venus* zine, *Time Out Chicago*, and a host of other publications. **Todd Dills** is the editor of THE2NDHAND, a part-time faculty member in Columbia College's fiction writing department, and likewise a member of the *Chicago Reader*'s editorial staff. His first novel, *Sons of the Rapture*, is due August/September from Chicago's own Featherproof Books.