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### Ballard Artist Ben Chamberlain to show New Works June 8 – July 8, 2012

**Seattle, June 1, 2012** - A show of new works by Ballard artist Ben Chamberlain will begin Friday, June 8, and run through Sunday, July 8, 2012. Hosting the exhibit is Chocolat Vitale, a new Seattle retail and event space. An opening reception on Friday, June 8 from 6-9pm will coincide with Art Up, the Phinney-Greenwood Art Walk, and the artist will be present.

#### **About Ben Chamberlain:**

*If it looks like there are stories behind these images, that's because there are—I didn't really find my visual muse until I began writing my own stories, and then found I had a strange urge to illustrate them.*

*Some of these urges worked themselves out digitally, using the "Lasso Tool" in Photoshop to carve figures out of a digital canvas bit by bit.*

*More recently, I've been getting back into the messy side of things with ink and paper—not as much room for error as the oil paints I used to work with, but they have something of the sharpness of the computer work. I've been getting ink pointers from the classic illustrators of the pulp days: Frazetta, Andrew Loomis, Scottish artist Sydney Jordan's classic "Jeff Hawke" adventure strip, and Mac Raboy's work on the old "Flash Gordon" daily comic serial.*

*Before all that, I made off with an art degree from The University of Chicago, created graphics for my own web design start-up, and wrote story chapters and interactive quests for a little massively multiplayer game called "The Matrix Online."*

*I live and work in Ballard, and can be reached at [smbhax@gmail.com](mailto:smbhax@gmail.com).*

**About Chocolat Vitale:** The large, bright space at 65<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW, former home of New Roots Organics, is now an eclectic retail shop showcasing the Chocolat Vitale brand of European style drinking chocolate, and an array of artisan chocolate, tea and coffee. The owners are also avid collectors, and offer for sale the period furnishings and artworks that decorate the store. A new artist will be featured monthly, with an opening reception during the Phinney-Greenwood Art Walk.

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#### **Image downloads:**

Ben Chamberlain, "digital art 1"

Web resolution: <http://dl.dropbox.com/u/57932935/BenChamberlain1.jpg>

Ben Chamberlain, "ink 2"

Web resolution: <http://dl.dropbox.com/u/57932935/BenChamberlain2.jpg>

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