

**Apartment 13 and Providence Punk Archives present,  
PROVIDENCE PUNK MUSEUM  
Curated by Mark Moreno**

**Dean Forsythe, Heather Benjamin, Aaron Demuth**

**Featuring Mat Brinkman and many more**

**September 2nd, 2023 - October 7th, 2023**

**@providence\_punk\_archives is a page on Instagram that for a couple years now, has been the only actively run archive of flyers, gig photos and ephemera of the legacy of punk and its adjacent scenes in Providence, RI. The account consists of mostly flyers for punk, noise, metal, hardcore and rock shows and has amassed these images from the internet, IRL and word of mouth.**

**The “Providence Punk Museum” show at Apartment 13 aimed to create an IRL version of the page with added emphasis to the legacy of printmaking and its marriage to the DIY/music scene and its notable practitioners. Mark decided to focus primarily on the work of Dean Forsythe, Heather Benjamin and Aaron Demuth who have made a significant impact on the breadth of local music culture and printmaking. Original screen printed flyers by Demuth and printed reproductions/original ephemera by Forsythe and Benjamin are displayed on a wall of the space and some on the ceiling.**

**On an adjacent wall, a dozen original screen printed flyers and wheat pastes created at Fort Thunder are hung. Most of these flyers designed and printed by Mat Brinkman. Works from Brian Chippendale, Leif Goldberg and several unknown artists share that same space.**

**More significantly, every single flyer shared by the @providence\_punk\_archives page is stapled to a portion of the room with a staple gun. The rest of the space features additional sourced ephemera from the community like a costume made for a Russian Tsarlag side project “Swamp Tease”, a vintage Product of Waste t-shirt, an original drawing from Mat Brinkman, several jackets and hoodies from Peter Fuller worn and decorated throughout his residence at Fort Thunder and a table of zines by Jackson Kneath.**

**The opening reception for the show took place at Louis Family Restaurant where the band Silver Dagger played to a large crowd that overflowed the restaurant, reminiscent of the restaurant’s hosting of speed metal shows in the 90s.**

**@providence\_punk\_archives is still actively posting on instagram.**