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Lavar Munroe, *Where Heroes Lay*: (e)merge art fair

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Bahamian-born artist Lavar Munroe will be exhibiting his installation 'Where Heroes Lay' as part of the (e)merge Art Fair, Washington D.C. from October 3 - 6, 2013. The installation will comprise a colony of nine life-sized cardboard beds, made from soiled cardboard pieces sourced from the homeless' sleeping quarters, which he exchanged with clean cardboard in its place.

LAVAR MUNROE



Where Heroes Lay
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Where Heroes Lay - an installation by Lavar Munroe at the (E)merge Art Fair, Washington

For the [\(e\)merge Art Fair](#), artist [Lavar Munroe](#) will construct an installation titled *Where Heroes Lay*. The installation will comprise a colony of nine life-sized cardboard beds.

Munroe has engaged in a material exchange with a homeless person in Downtown, DC. Periodically, the artist has been removing soiled cardboard pieces from the homeless' sleeping quarters and replacing it with clean cardboard. In a sense, the artist has become a maid. "It's great! My workspace smells like alcohol, cigarettes, piss, shit, and body odor," says Munroe. Using flour and water to bond the minced cardboard pieces together, the artist will transform the reclaimed material into precious artifacts that if needed can function as usable objects.



Lavar Munroe, Mock Installation for *Where Heroes Lay*

Munroe claims that he is less interested in the idea of social practice, though it seems as if this is a social exercise. "My intention is trickery, whereby I embody the trickster on various levels. My role is to inconspicuously induct the homeless person as The Hero, hence my gesture of serving him. Second, my intention is to present The Hero's soiled bedding material as a consumer good in the art-market. In the sphere, the objects will serve as weapons of critique and ridicule targeted towards mainstream society."

Where Heroes Lay will be on display at [\(e\)merge Art Fair](#) at the Capitol Skyline Hotel, from **October 4** through **October 6**.