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## Exhibit by Artist Zohar Lazar Opens at the Hillman Jackson Gallery on September 4<sup>th</sup>

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA—Simon's Rock would like to invite the public to a new artistic experience by Zohar Lazar being held at the Hillman Jackson Gallery at the Daniel Arts Center on campus. Lazar's showcase of drawings and paintings, entitled "Oh! Sweet Nuthin'" will open with an in-person reception on September 4, 2023, at 5 p.m.

Curator Jacob Fossum describes the show as: "Steeped in the nostalgia of Saturday morning cartoons, particularly the indelible imprint of Tex Avery, Lazar's visual narratives delve into a realm where exaggerated mayhem and the pliancy of characters kindle his distinct approach to corporeal portrayal.

A thread of enigmatic humor weaves through Lazar's work, a testament to his enduring fascination with themes encompassing societal, carnal, and spiritual dimensions. Noteworthy for their appearances in esteemed publications like The New Yorker, The New York Times, Wired, Rolling Stone, and GQ, Lazar's illustrations have garnered international recognition. His creative canvas extends beyond mere print, having left an indelible mark on projects for corporate giants including Nickelodeon, Apple, and Netflix. Situated in the picturesque environs of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, Lazar draws inspiration from his surroundings as he crafts his artistry."

This will be the first exhibit in the new academic year and will run from September 4, 2023, to October 30, 2023.

Simon's Rock would also like to include a content warning to be read before entering the exhibit. Some of the art works in this show contain images that are sexually explicit or depict violence, self-harm, or Nazi symbols. This content may be disturbing for some viewers.

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