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**Joe Bartholomew's *Girih Extended* First Thursday opening reception at Chambers@916 on Thursday, July 7, 2011.**

Portland, Oregon, June 16, 2011- In July and August 2011, Chambers@916 presents *Girih Extended*, new works by Joe Bartholomew. There will be an opening reception on First Thursday, July 7, 2011 from 6-8:30pm. The show will run through August 27, 2011.

The designs in *Girih Extended* are based on girih tiles, a medieval Islamic patterning system. Joe Bartholomew extends the girih system, deviating from tradition by exploring the potential of asymmetry and self-similarity. The show includes digital prints, works in glass, digitally incised Paperstone, and a book and didactic video.

Joe Bartholomew was born in Fort Worth, Texas and received his BFA from the University of Texas. He creates his digital works by writing his own programs, a skill he developed as a software engineer, systems analyst, illustrator, and web developer. He has lived in Portland, Oregon since 2006.

Chambers@916 is located at 916 NW Flanders, Portland, Oregon. For additional information on Chambers@916, contact Martha Morgan, director. Images available upon request.

**ABOUT CHAMBERS@916** - Chambers@916 is located in Portland, Oregon's Pearl District. Chambers@916 offers an intimate, minimalist space complete with a room dedicated to video installation and new media. Gallery hours are 11am-5:30pm Tuesday through Saturday.

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