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Art auction for Bradley Manning

Bradley Manning is the US Army whistleblower accused of leaking classified information to Wikileaks. He has been in prison for over 700 days without trial. This week, another round of hearings is to begin. Starting today, April 24th, and ending May 11th, a piece of artwork will be auctioned off to fundraise for Bradley Manning. The winning bid will be sent to the Bradley Manning Defense Fund.

The auction is taking place at manningauction.com. The artwork “*Collateral Murder*,” a 48x24 painting by Winnipeg artist and writer Graham Hnatiuk, draws on imagery from the video of the same title released by Wikileaks in April 2010.



From the artist's statement: *Criminalizing whistle blowing is contrary to the functions of democracy...When we are complacent is when our true freedoms will erode without resistance, until there is nothing left to fight for. We are forgetting what matters. We are forgetting what is important.*

For the full artist statement, see the auction website at manningauction.com.

To help spread the word, share this website, and use #manningauction and @SaveBradley on Twitter. Media inquiries can be sent to webmaster@manningauction.com

The artwork will be on display Pop Soda's for some of the auction.