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The Pattern Shop Studio is pleased to announce our next exhibition, *Reflections*, a solo exhibition of work by Denver artist Jessica Loreda. *Reflections* will open with a reception on Friday, June 2nd, 2017 (6 to 9pm) and will be on view until Friday June 30th. Ms. Loreda will talk about her work at a Salon on Saturday, June 17th (4-6pm). The gallery will be open on Thursdays from 1-5PM for the run of the show and is also open any time by appointment (303-297-9831).

Colorado native Jessica Loreda has been creating various kinds of art for more than 35 years. Her deeply personal and socially critical work is best characterized as 'Outsider Art'—intentionally “outrageous” and “shocking.” Her chosen media/process is collage, the challenging nature of which Loreda feels parallels her life of trying to stitch together bits and pieces of her experience, searching for meaning, self-understanding, and respect. In her large, complex works (on 4' x 8' sheets of plywood) she combines images from popular culture, the news, religion, and pornography with explicit self-portraits to create unsettling views about what it means to be outside the norm in America. She sees her artworks as “symbolic narratives” that reveal the angry pain of being personally, socially, economically, sexually, or politically marginalized. Yet the results of her merging of these images and feelings are not bleak but surprisingly beautiful. Step back from the details and you see masterful use of color, shape and texture, sharp visual wit and a unique imagistic language for simultaneously expressing irony, comedy, anger and hope.

The Pattern Shop Studio, an award winning art studio, gallery and living space in the heart of the RiNo Art District is **open to groups and individuals anytime by appointment by calling 303-297-9831.**