**ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM -LOCKPORT**

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 **Illinois State Museum** presents

**ROCKED & ROLLED**

Featuring Artist Ian Sherwin

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**{Lockport, Illinois, April 13, 2019}** – **{Illinois State Museum-Lockport}** announces the next exhibition, **ROCKED & ROLLED** featuring music themed art, photography, sculpture installation and illustration from seventy-two (72) emerging and established artists and photographers from Illinois. The artwork is being paired with geodes, minerals, and fossils from the Illinois State Museum Geology Collection.

Featuring exhibiting Artist Ian Sherwin. A prominent Chicago artist whose drawings and paintings art featured in private collections around the country. This is his first viewing with the Illinois State Museum.

 Exhibition dates, May 1, 2019 through October 6, 2019

 OPENING RECEPTION Sunday MAY 5, 2019- 2:00pm until 4:00pm

**“Ian Sherwin’s automatic and frenetic style of drawing is emblematic of the rapid percussion that appears in any great rock concert. This exhibition is a celebration of music through the eyes of art in direct conversation with the rocks, minerals and fossils from the world renowned Geology Collection of the Illinois State Museum. We are seeking to elevate the material by contrasting the nature of earth’s explosive structure with the culturally defining music created in the last fifty (50) years. Timeless rocks meet timeless rock stars!”**

 John Lustig-Director, Illinois State Museum-Lockport

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 ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM-LOCKPORT located at

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 Public hours, W-F, 9:00 am until 5:00pm,

 Saturday, Sunday from 11:00 am until 5:00pm