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Abigail McNamara designs papercut installation specifically for **RED ROVER**, debuts at Last Thursday

July 26th, 2012—Portland, OR— Join Art on Alberta in viewing its mobile art gallery, **RED ROVER**, from July 26th, 2012 to August 23rd, 2012. Each month the trailer presents artwork from local artists. This month's featured artist, Abigail McNamara, will be showcasing a papercut installation that has been made specifically for our **RED ROVER** gallery. This installation will debut at Alberta Street's Last Thursday and will be on public display at the Vagabond Circus lot on Northeast 19th Avenue and Alberta Street. **RED ROVER** will also make an appearance at the Alberta Street Fair on August 11th alongside our dedicated board members who will host a family-friendly table for papercut art projects.

Abigail Rose McNamara was born and raised in Missoula, Montana, and recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art from Lewis & Clark College. A Portland local, her work has been exhibited at a variety of galleries and juried exhibitions. Her senior thesis piece was nominated for and exhibited at the Oregon Recent Graduates Exhibition at Blackfish Gallery. Abigail's work explores the capabilities of paper as a medium for artistic expression: "Humble paper, as it stands alone without surface treatment – part sculptural object and part drawing. The work is a record of its own making, a long undoing of blank paper into an elaborate geometric skeleton. Through avid endeavors to truly know the materials I work with, patterns arise. Repetitive action unravels a conversation between the medium and myself." As her hand guides her, Abigail transforms the simplistic medium of plain paper into a complex series of microcosmic and macrocosmic structures. These structures don't just stand alone, but create a dialogue with the space they occupy. The current installation featured in our **RED ROVER** art gallery was specifically designed and created by the artist to interact with this unique space.

More information about Abigail McNamara's work can be found on her website at: www.abigailrosemcnamara.com.

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