

**Background story to three works by Wopko Jensma found on a flea market in Des Moines, Iowa, USA as reported in February, 2003:**

*I must be honest with you on how and where I acquired these three pieces and it is a sad ending for a likewise sad story of Wopko's life.... I found these works at a sleazy flea market here in Des Moines, Iowa! This is the kind of market that contains figurine animals and crap from China along with knives, chains and other low brow items. When I spotted these framed works stacked haphazardly on a dirty floor, I could not fathom how and why these ended up in such a place. Had it not been for the orange tag on the back of one, I would have had no clue as to the origin! These works jumped at me and I quickly bought all three pieces that they had and asked no questions whatsoever and made my getaway and began my research on Wopko Jensma.*

*(It does seem fitting in a strange way that his work would be rescued from such a place). I will soon mail you the copy of exhibition card and photos and size details and related info you requested....*

*T.M.*