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The San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery opens its 40th Anniversary Year with 2 exhibitions in our 3 Civic Center locations featuring 30 Bay Area artists!

Replay: The SFAC Gallery from 1970 - Present

Opening & 40th Anniversary Celebration: Friday, February 12

Press and VIP Champagne Hour: 5 – 6pm at the Main Gallery

City Hall, Ground Floor: 5:30 – 7:30pm

Main Gallery at 401 Van Ness: 6:00 – 9:00pm

Exhibition Dates: February 12 – May 14, 2010

SFAC Gallery Locations and Regular Viewing Hours:

SFAC Main Gallery, 401 Van Ness Avenue (at McAllister)

Free and open to the public: Wed – Sat 12 – 5pm

SF City Hall, Ground Floor, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

Free and open to the public: Mon – Fri, 8am – 8pm

SFAC Gallery Window Installation Site, 155 Grove Street

Viewable from the street: 24/7

40th Anniversary Season: A Year of Artist-Driven Projects

The San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery and Director of Cultural Affairs, Luis R. Cancel are proud to announce the opening of our 40th Anniversary Season. Since 1970 the SFAC Gallery, originally Capricorn Asunder Gallery, has been a vibrant part of the Bay Area art scene and a champion of regional emerging and established artists. In the past 40 years we have exhibited over 4000 artists in over 400 exhibitions. This year we're commemorating the past, celebrating the present and looking toward the future with a series of exhibitions that positions Bay Area artists at the front and center of our upcoming exhibition programming.

Gallery Director Meg Shiffler says, "The SFAC Gallery has had an incredible impact on the cultural landscape of the Bay Area over the past 40 years. It seems fitting for a gallery that has remained focused on engaging the cultural production and topics of the day, to create an anniversary season with exhibitions full of newly commissioned works that will provoke dialogue around current art practice and the evolution of the SFAC Gallery as the City's municipal arts gallery.

Replay: The SFAC Gallery from 1970 - Present

Located at City Hall, Ground Floor

Curated by Kelly Lindner

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This special exhibition distills the past 40 years of the SFAC Gallery's engaged presence in the Bay Area art scene into an exhibition organized both chronologically and thematically. The exhibition features artwork, posters, mailers, photographs, and more culled from our own archive and loaned from previous staff and participating artists. *Replay* is a retelling of the SFAC Gallery's history, from its early days of politically charged projects and notorious receptions through its current identity as a assiduous laboratory of the Bay Area arts community zeitgeist.

Replay is supported by Grants for the Arts/San Francisco Hotel Tax fund.

The 40th Anniversary Season is supported by the Zellerbach family Foundation and the Do a Little Fund.

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About San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery

Located in the heart of San Francisco's Civic Center, the San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery makes contemporary art accessible to broad audiences through curated exhibitions that both reflect our regional diversity and position Bay Area visual art production within an international contemporary art landscape. By commissioning new works, collaborating with arts and community organizations and supporting artist's projects, the SFAC Gallery's programs provide new and challenging opportunities for contemporary art to engage with a civic dialogue.

The SFAC Gallery was founded in 1970 and is the exhibitions program of the San Francisco Arts Commission, the arts agency of the City and County of San Francisco.

The San Francisco Arts Commission

The San Francisco Arts Commission is the City agency that champions the arts in San Francisco. We believe that a creative cultural environment is essential to the City's well-being. Our programs integrate the arts into all aspects of City life. The Commission was established by charter in 1932 (Charter sections 5.103 and 16.106).