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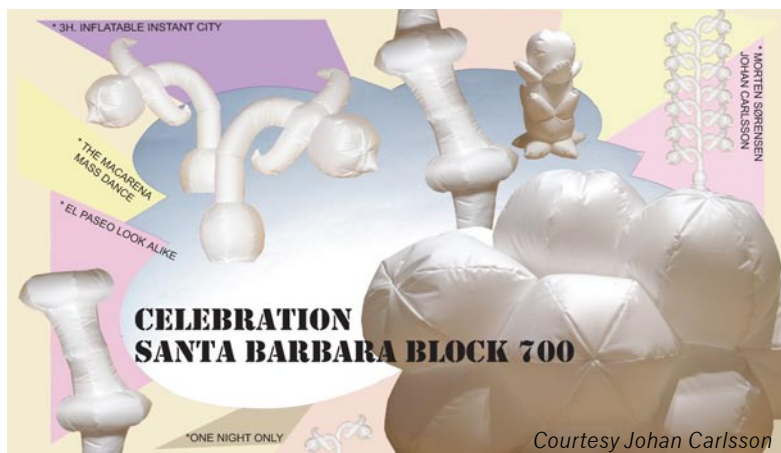
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Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF) in association with the Downtown Organization's First Thursdays present a Live Performance Event with the Morten Sørensen & Johan Carlsson



WHO: Morten Sørensen & Johan Carlsson

WHEN: FORUM LOUNGE

Thursday, March 6, 2008

TIME: 7-9 PM

COST: FREE!

LOCATION:

Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum

(CAF)

653 Paseo Nuevo

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. – *Welcome to the American Riviera!* **Forum Lounge:** Celebration / Instant 3 hour city

After a 2006 US tour, Johan Carlsson and Morten Sørensen created a catalog of objects based on superficial memories from their trip. In this project at CAF, they look at Santa Barbara through the eyes of a tourist, building on the clichés and immediate images of our city. Celebration is a one night social event staged at the terrace in front of the CAF entrance, involving visitors as well as passersby.

An instant party celebrating the romantic, the “look alike,” and the seductive life of SB, visitors will participate in the construction of an inflatable, temporary, and imagined structure of Santa Barbara inspired by the Spanish-Moorish architecture of the city. The scale of the space created and the amount of objects inflated will be a direct result of the visitors to **Forum Lounge** and their actions. By moving, placing and, decorating, the event becomes a fluent pattern of the city and a collective performance space.

Carlsson is a member in the multi-disciplinary group RACA, based in Stockholm & Copenhagen. Morten Sørensen works as artist in Copenhagen and runs the gallery space CMYK.

Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum is non-profit, non-collecting alternative art space dedicated to the exhibition, education, and cultivation of the arts of our time. Celebrating its 31st Anniversary in September 2007, CAF is the premier venue for contemporary art between Los Angeles and San Francisco, presenting 15-18 exhibitions annually.