



Santa Barbara
CONTEMPORARY ARTS FORUM

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Forum Lounge: *James Gilbert: Privacy is Dead Because We Said So*

Thursday, September 2, 4- 8 pm Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum **FREE**

An artist exposes himself! James Gilbert will transform CAF into an artistic underwear factory, blurring the boundaries between public and private.



Left: James Gilbert, *Tighty Whitey*, 2009, Plastic and thread, 10 x 14 x 2 in. Right: James Gilbert, *Delicate Standard*, 2009, Plastic and thread, 7 1/2 x 16 x 2 in.

James Gilbert is a Los Angeles-based artist who works across mediums creating drawings, installations with video, and performative art. In September, he will set up a temporary sewing shop in the CAF galleries producing several hundred real size pairs of plastic, transparent underwear, which will amass to form huge sculptural piles around him. The sculptures become more present throughout the performance. This cumulative performance explores themes of privacy, anonymity, and identity particularly in relation to the considerable amounts of intimate, personal information posted daily on sites like Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Google, and other mass media.

Gilbert's past work have also been concerned with social themes, including identity and anonymity in a media-saturated society, where privacy has been eroded by reality television, social networking sites, and 24-hour news cycles. Gilbert has exhibited in galleries and museums nationally and internationally in the United States and Asia. Recent 2010 exhibitions include a large scale, site-specific, solo installation at the Dallas Contemporary Museum and *Platform4* in Aalborg, Denmark, with upcoming projects in Los Angeles and Colombia.

About the Forum Lounge Series: **Forum Lounge** is a series of free, unique, performance-based events, ranging from the theatrical to the avant-garde that are normally found only in large metropolitan venues, and that reflect CAF's mission to sustain and encourage the artistic process by presenting art in the form of exceptional music, dance, video, and other multi-media to our community.

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About the Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF): CAF is a non-profit, non-collecting alternative art space dedicated to the exhibition, education, and cultivation of the arts of our time. Celebrating its 34th anniversary in 2010, CAF is the premier venue for contemporary art between Los Angeles and San Francisco. CAF is located at the Paseo Nuevo Mall Upper Arts Terrace in downtown Santa Barbara, CA.

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