



## 2 x 2 Solos: Imin Yeh

Curated by Julia Hamilton

January 26 - February 26, 2010  
Reception: Friday, February 5, 6 - 9 pm

**Oakland, CA:** Pro Arts is pleased to announce 2 x 2 Solos: Imin Yeh, curated by Julia Hamilton, on view January 26 - February 26, 2010 at Pro Arts' gallery in downtown Oakland. The exhibition is one of four solo exhibitions that make up 2 x 2 Solos, a new program showcasing artists engaged in exceptional and innovative art-making in the Oakland/Bay Area. An Artists' Reception is scheduled on Friday, February 5, 6 - 8 pm with a separate Catalog Release party scheduled for Friday, April 2, 6 - 8 pm. Exhibition and events are free and open to the public

San Francisco Based artist Imin Yeh uses humor and craft to explore the cultural exchange that exists between China and the United States. In her first Solo Exhibition at Pro Arts, Yeh illustrates that connection through two large scale projects.

*Good Imports* is a collection of previously discarded objects wrapped in hand painted fabric. These objects, all produced in China, have been wrapped in the style of fabric customarily reserved for the cloth-covered boxes that accompany traditional Chinese imports: teapots, medicine balls, mah-jong games and stone seal sets. The second installation, *Thank You for Commenting*, consists of a series of hand drawn posters featuring text appropriated from user comments found online. Each impulsive comment is plucked from anonymity and designed for maximum advertising potential.

Julia Hamilton is an independent curator based in Oakland California. She is currently a lecturer in the department of Art Practice at the University of California, Berkeley.

### About 2 x 2 Solos

2 x 2 Solos showcases the best new work made in the region and provides the support necessary for emerging artists to establish themselves in a critical contemporary art context. Drawn from nominations by artist groups, institutions, and organizations in the Oakland/Bay Area, four artists are selected to work closely with an independent curator and receive a cash honorarium and a commissioned essay about their work.

### About Pro Arts

Pro Arts provides critical access to contemporary art in Oakland and the Bay Area through its independent curated exhibitions, capacity-building artist services, open studios, juried programs, and diverse collaborative programs. In addition to being an advocate for regional artists, Pro Arts offers youth and community programs to further engage art audiences that reflect innovative artistic expression, and the rich cross-section of cultures, ethnicity, age, and race in the Oakland/Bay Area. Last year Pro Arts exhibited 690 artists and produced 62 events drawing an annual audience of 65,000. Additionally, Pro Arts provides professional art services to partnering institutions, and provides fiscal sponsorship to artists.

Pro Arts supports the arts within communities by serving the ongoing needs of artists.

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Images (top to bottom): Imin Yeh, *Good Imports* ; Imin Yeh, *Thank you for Commenting*

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