



2 x 2 Solos: Nadim Sabella **Curated by Lucy Kalyani Lin**

January 26 - February 26, 2010

Reception: Friday, February 5, 6 - 9 pm

Oakland, CA: Pro Arts is pleased to announce 2 x 2 Solos: Nadim Sabella, curated by Lucy Kalyani Lin, 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.



Oakland based artist Nadim Sabella's photographs and large scale installations address climate change and flooding as they affect the Bay Area landscape. In his first solo exhibition at Pro Arts, Sabella creates scenes of devastation, both in miniature models as the subject of his flood photographs, and in the life sized boat hull that appears to jut out of the gallery's wall. Underlying the striking visuals and illusions of his work is a disturbingly real fact: that if the sea level were to rise four and a half feet (as it has been predicted to do by the end of this century), much of the Bay Area will be under water.

Lucy Kalyani Lin is an independent curator and artist based in Oakland. She is currently the Program Associate for the Cultural Equity Grants Program of the San Francisco Arts Commission, and recently served as Visual Arts Curator for APAture 10.

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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Image: Nadim Sabella, *In a Fog II*