



## **2 x 2 Solos: Elisheva Biernoff** **Curated by Cicely Sweed**

March 9 - April 9, 2010

Reception: Friday, April 2, 6 - 8 pm

**Oakland, CA:** Pro Arts is pleased to announce 2 x 2 Solos: Elisheva Biernoff, curated by Cicely Sweed, on view March 9 - April 9, 2010 at Pro Arts' gallery in downtown Oakland. The exhibition is the second 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/Catalog Release Party is scheduled on Friday, April 2nd, 6 – 8 pm. Exhibition and events are free and open to the public.



San Francisco based artist Elisheva Biernoff's work uses the installation of large scale painting and sculpture to investigate myths, fictions and fantasies through interactive scenes. In her first solo exhibition at Pro Arts, Biernoff addresses these myths through voyeuristic environments that are reminiscent of images from magazine clippings, photographs and postcards of far away places. Her installations invite one to encounter and participate in iconic and exotic landscapes. Biernoff's work reminds us that these images exist indirectly in mundane everyday forms and aims to create an environment where the spectacular and everyday meet.

### **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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