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*for my twin : Michele Jaquis, A Solo Show*

**November 29<sup>th</sup>- December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Reception: Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 8 – 11 PM**

Although much of Michele Jaquis' work comes from a place of autobiography and personal experience, her interests have become more activist driven, acknowledging and owning the adage "the personal is the political." Jaquis' first solo show at Sea and Space Explorations, *for my twin*, builds on her recent body of work combining scanned images from family photo albums with text that not only comments on the complex relationships of the people depicted, but also evokes an emotional response in the viewer and a call for compassion, empathy and, especially in this case, social justice. The piece was originally created before the 2008 election, as a protest against CA Proposition 8, which re-defines marriage as a union only between a man and a woman. Jaquis' statement becomes all the more urgent in the wake of nation-wide protests sparked by Prop 8's passage.

Michele Jaquis is an LA based interdisciplinary artist and educator. She holds an MFA in sculpture from Rhode Island School of Design and a BFA in sculpture/experimental studio with a minor in psychology from Hartford Art School/University of Hartford. Her work has been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions, video screenings, and performance events across the country. Her documentary, *RECOVERED Journeys Through the Autism Spectrum and Back*, made in collaboration with Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh of the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, recently won Best Documentary in the Director's Chair Film Festival in Staten Island, NY and was an official selection in the Victoria Independent Film Festival in Australia. Over the past eight and a half years, Jaquis has taught at RISD, Cal Sate Long Beach, UC Riverside and Otis College of Art and Design, where she is currently Assistant Professor and Coordinator for the Artist, Community and Teaching Program. In addition to her show at Sea and Space Explorations, her work can be seen at [www.rise-ind.com/michelejaquis](http://www.rise-ind.com/michelejaquis).

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