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Participatory Public Art Projects

Jewish Community Center in Manhattan

New York, NY. *Table Talks* with art exhibit *All the rest is commentary...* As the United States Congress debated a Financial Reform Bill, *Table Talk* discussions with financial industry insiders and the public were hosted on the feasibility of the Golden Rule as a new code of conduct on Wall Street. These participatory art events were held in conjunction with an art exhibit, *All the rest is commentary...*, which presents the Golden Rule from 12 world religions as a core vision of global human relations. May – July 2010

Wall Street Performance Art

Washing the Wall Street Bull with the Golden Rule, Cleaning up the place following the financial meltdown and whistling while I worked. May 26, 2010

Brisbane City Hall

MichaelCANgelo: Art to Soup! From soup to nuts, Brisbane residents brought canned and packaged food to the City Hall lobby and arranged the donations in an evolving community sculpture. November – December 2009

Brisbane City Hall

Brisbane, California. **Seats of Power.** Brisbane Mayor and Officials put their keisters on the line for art and civic engagement with an art exhibit of chair seats upholstered with woven images of their derrieres. The public was invited to sit in the seat of power in City Hall and envision themselves as empowered citizens, March -- May 2009

The de Young Museum

San Francisco, CA. Artist in Residence in the Kimbell Education Center. *Tracing History,* a hands-on creative interactive project, explores history as it is told through the de Young Museum's collection, July 2007

International Nature Art Forum

Licherode, Germany. *The Bureau of Atmospheric Anecdata*. Anecdotal data collection of memories of winter reflect on how seasons are being re-defined by climate change. Performance/Art at the Educational Center for Environmental Issues, Aug 2007

The Nash Gallery

University of Minnesota, Minnesota, Minnesota. *The Bureau of Atmospheric Anecdata*, September 2007

Vogelfrei 7 WintergARTen

Darmstadt, Germany. The Bureau of Atmospheric Anecdata, November 2007

Voyage on the Volga River Project

Russia. Artist in Residence at Project Kesher's Jewish Women's Summit. Created a oral history art project with 200 women on a ship traveling down the Volga River, 2004

Ellis Island Immigration Museum

New York, NY. Curated and organized *Passages: Jewish Women's Immigration & Family History*, a six room, temporary public art installation, 1996

Keepers of the Waters Directed by Betsy Damon Chengdu, China. *Dreams for a Pure River.* Collaborating artist with Chris Baeumler for a public art installation/performance to call attention to the importance of restoring the Fu Nan River, 1995

Wartime Pin-up Project

Conceptualized and organized a guerilla art project which subverted traditional wartime pin-ups by creating photo-copied anti-war collages and taping them up in public bathrooms nationwide. 1991 and 2003. Exhibited at the Lab 2003 and the SFAI 2004

Solo Exhibitions

The Jewish Community Center in Manhattan

New York, NY. All the rest is commentary, May – July 2010

Brisbane City Hall Brisbane, CA. **Seats of Power, March** – June 2009

The de Young Museum San Francisco, CA. *Tracing History*, July 2007

The Minneapolis Institute of Arts Minneapolis, MN. *Our Mother Mary Found*, August 2006 – February 2007

St. Mary's College Moraga, CA. *The Sabbath Has Kept the Jews*, November – December 2006

The Basilica of St. Mary Minneapolis, MN. *Our Mother Mary Found*, May – June 2006

San Carlos and Brisbane Public Libraries San Carlos and Brisbane, CA. First Comes Love, August – November 2005

California Institute of Integral Studies San Francisco, CA. Our Mother Mary Found, April – June 2005

KS Gallery, San Francisco JCC San Francisco, CA. *Our Mother Mary Found*, December –March 2005

The Peninsula Museum of Art Belmont, CA. First Comes Love, October 2004

National Museum of American Jewish History Philadelphia, PA. *Passages*, January – May 2002

The Jewish Museum of Florida Miami Beach, FL. *Passages*, September 2000 – January 2001

The Jewish Community Center Minneapolis, MN. *Life in Diapers,* September – November 2000

Government Center Gallery Redwood City, CA. *Life in Diapers*, December 1999 – January 2000

The Institute of Texan Cultures San Antonio, TX. Passages/Home in a Suitcase, November 1999 – January 2000

The Littman Gallery Portland, OR. Stories for Our Future, June 1999

The Jewish Heritage Museum Atlanta, GA. *Passages*, February – March 1999.

Hebrew Union College Cincinnati, OH. *Passages*, December 1998 – January 1999

The State Historical Museum of Iowa Des Moines, IA. *Unpacking the Prairie,* May – October 1998

The Margolis Gallery Houston, TX. *Welcome to America,* February – March 1998

B'nai Klutznik National Jewish Museum Washington, D.C. *Passages*, December 1997 – February 1998

Mizel Museum Denver, CO. *Passages to America*, December 1996 – February 1997

The Minnesota History Center St. Paul, MN. *Unpacking the Prairie*, October 1996 – October 1997

General Mills Corporate Gallery Minneapolis, MN. *Passages*, August – September 1996

Ellis Island Immigration Museum New York, NY. Passages: Jewish Women's Immigration & Family History, 1996

The Jewish Museum of San Francisco San Francisco, CA. A Foot in the Door, 1995

Selected Group Exhibitions 2000-2010

Giorgi Gallery Berkeley, CA. *The Portrait Show*, May – June 2010

Arc Gallery San Francisco, CA. Reframe: Making Sense of Waste. May 2010

The Contemporary Jewish Museum San Francisco, CA. As It Is Written 304,805: Artists reflect on the Torah. October 2009

- March 2010

The Contemporary Jewish Museum San Francisco, CA. New Works/Old Story: 80 Artists at the Passover Table,

February – June 2009

CIIS and Ceres Gallery San Francisco and New York, Ineffable/Woman: A Bi-Coastal Conversation about

Women's Art, March 2009

San Francisco Center for the Book San Francisco, CA. Banned and Recovered: Artists Respond to Censorship in

Literature, August –November 2008

Bureau of Jewish Education San Francisco, CA. Community Artists Look at Israel, March – August 2008

Geumgang Nature Art Pre-Biennale Special Exhibition Hall of the National Museum, Gongju, South Korea.,

Dreams for a Pure River, September 2007

Gallery Space Beam Incheon, South Korea, Dreams for a Pure River, October 2007

Gallery Art Space C Island of Cheju, South Korea, Dreams for a Pure River, November 2007

Woman Made Gallery Chicago, IL. Signatures of Age, October – November 2006

Bureau of Jewish Education San Francisco, CA. *All About Books*, March – August 2007

Bureau of Jewish Education San Francisco, CA. Freud, Moses, and Monotheism, March – August 2006

St Mary's College Moraga, CA. *A Sacramental Community: Women, Spirituality and the Arts*, Nov. 05

The Contemporary Jewish Museum San Francisco, CA. Scents of Purpose, Invitational, May – August 2005

Rutgers University Gallery New Brunswick, NJ. *Words on Fire*, April – June 2005

Bureau of Jewish Education San Francisco, CA. *America and I*, March – August 2005

Miami Jewish Community Center Miami, FL. *Women of the Book*, February – March 2005

San Mateo County Court House Redwood City, CA. *Women on Women*, March 2005

Swell Gallery San Francisco Art Institute, CA. Conditions and Response, May 2004

SomArts Gallery San Francisco, CA. One World, Many Faiths, March 2004

The Lab San Francisco, CA. Art Propaganda War, July 2003

Brisbane City Hall Brisbane, CA. Brisbane Printmakers at City Hall, June 2003

Starr Gallery Newton, MA. Words on Fire, March – May 2003

Purdue University Galleries West Lafayette, IN, Women of the Book, March – April 2003

The Osher Marin Jewish Community Center San Rafael, CA. By Women's Hand, September – December 2002

Jewish Community Center/Ma'yan Upper West Side, New York, NY. *A Different Purim Sound,* February 2002

Nationwide Tour Nat'l exhibition tour. Women of the Book Jewish Artists, Jewish Themes. 1997-2002

Galleria Scoglio di Quarto Milan, Italy. Pensieri d'arte 2001, November – December 2001

The Jewish Museum of San Francisco San Francisco, CA. Making Change, November 1999 – January 2000

Grants/Awards

The Contemporary Jewish Museum Audience Choice Finalist for the *New Works Old Story, Dorothy Saxe Seder Plate Invitational. May 2009*http://www.thecjm.org/index.php?option=com_ccevents&scope=prgm&task=detail&oid=211&fid=19

Project Kesher Artist's Residency at International Jewish Women's Conference, Moscow and Volga River, 2004

Peninsula Community Foundation, 1999/2004

Puffin Foundation Grant for Visual Artists, 1992 and 2004

Mayor's Achievement Award for Recognition in the Arts, Brisbane CA, 2002

Milton and Sally Avery Arts Foundation, 1996, Jerome Foundation for the Arts, 1996

Philanthropic Ventures Foundation, 1999

Jerome Foundation for the Arts, 1996

Milton and Sally Avery Arts Foundation, 1996

Paulette Goddard Performing Arts Grant, 1986-87

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