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Solo Exhibition

"The Transmogrification of the Designated Safety Zone"

Sculpture

Artist Exhibited: Steve Baibak

January 7-February 13, 2010

Opening Reception-January 14, 2010 – 5-7 p.m.

Togonon gallery is pleased to present Steve Baibak's sculptures in *"The Transmogrification of the Designated Safety Zone"*. This is his second solo exhibition at the gallery.

Artist Steve Baibak's work illustrates the relationships between steadfast, human traditions and the cyclical, transformative nature of life. Using recycled materials, his creations represent metaphors of "inherited designs of living, normalcy, and tradition."

For Baibak transformation is always imminent. Imitating natural systems of erosion out of human's control like hillsides, islands, canyons, and jungles, the artist dismantles inherent structures, covers up cultural labels, and convolutes forms as a "parallel for the intermittent patterns of societal evolution." The artworks become catalysts to be manipulated in order to investigate ideas of object identity. Through this "transmogrification into artwork," Baibak changes these "symbols of the safe" into bizarre, but remarkable, seductive works.

Steve Baibak is a graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute and recently completed his MFA at Michigan State University in 2009. His

work is in the collection of the Oakland Art Museum. Baibak lives and works in Michigan.

Togonon Gallery
77 Geary, 2nd Floor
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Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 11-5:30pm



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