

TOGONON GALLERY

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Two-Person Exhibition

“Sister Cities-Dreaming Alike Oceans Apart”

Artists Exhibited: Lynn Marie Kirby & Li Xiaofei

Video, Photography and Installation

May 6- June 5, 2010

Opening Reception: Thursday, May 13, 2010, 5-7 p.m.

San Francisco, January 14, 2010

Togonon gallery is proud to present “Sister Cities-Dreaming Alike Oceans Apart”, a two-person exhibition featuring San Francisco-based artist Lynn Marie Kirby, and Shanghai-based artist Li XiaoFei. The exhibition is a collaboration between Togonon Gallery and guest curator Justin Hoover.

The highlight of the exhibition will be Lynn Marie Kirby’s and Li XiaoFei’s videos of children from San Francisco and Shanghai offering their views and aspirations of their respective societies. Guest curator Justin Hoover says of the exhibition: “... Sister Cities is a portrait of two urban centers, Shanghai and San Francisco, and an investigation into the hopes and dreams of the next generation.” Although these two artists produced their work

individually, they simultaneously created powerful portraits of their respective cultures, employing cinematographic techniques that recorded subtle emotive variances of the psyche that only the lens can capture. The exhibition aims to illustrate commonalities, cultural nuances in Shanghai and San Francisco through the fresh eyes of its younger people. Hoover adds: "It is not uncommon to find very similar perspectives develop in isolation from each other, and blossom together, even oceans apart... two artists have produced significantly similar and qualitatively excellent cinematic investigations into one single notion."

Sister Cities exhibition will also include photography by Li XiaoFei, and installations "listening interventions" by Lynn Marie Kirby.

Lynn Marie Kirby's work has been widely exhibited in the U.S. and abroad including the Whitney Museum of American Art; the Museum of Modern Art, New York; Olympic Museum, Sarajevo; the Pompidou Centre in Paris; Arsenal in Berlin; Manage in St. Petersburg; Portland Museum of Art; the Kennedy Center and the Corcoran Gallery in Washington DC; LACE in Los Angeles, the Pacific Film Archive in Berkeley; the Oakland Museum in Oakland; the San Francisco Cinematheque, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, the de Young Museum, the Museum of Modern Art and Triple Base Gallery in San Francisco.

Kirby's films and videos have shown at film festivals around the world including Oberhausen, Toronto,

London, San Francisco and Athens. She is the recipient of grants and fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, Djerassi Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, Film Arts Foundation, Jerome Foundation, and Kelsey Street Press. She is a Professor at the California College of the Arts and teaches in the MFA Program in Fine Arts, the Media Arts program and the First Year Program. She studied at l'Ecole des Beaux Arts de Paris, also attending University in France and Sweden before receiving her BFA in sculpture and an MFA in film from the San Francisco Art Institute. She lives and works in San Francisco.

Li Xiaofei is an artist and Art Director of the Fei Contemporary Art Center. His work has been exhibited extensively in Asia and Europe. He is a graduate of the Guangzhou Academy of Fine arts. He lives and works in Shanghai, China.

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