

SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

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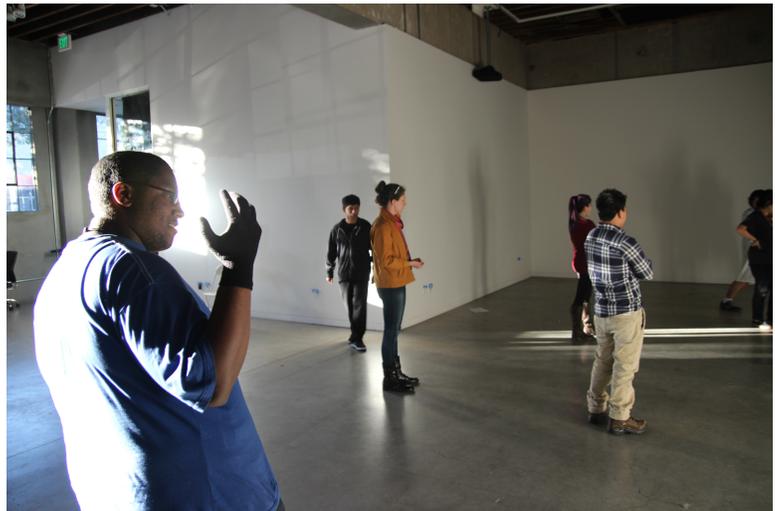
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The Z Narrative Fall 2013 Youth Advisory Board's Final Project

Southern Exposure is pleased to announce the Fall 2013 Youth Advisory Board's final project, *The Z Narrative*, opening **Thursday, December 5, 2013, 5:00 – 7:00 PM.**

Digital technologies, new communication tools and the resulting social networks we use are changing the relationship between narratives and our lives, creating open spaces for people to interact and connect across the line of reality and narrative fictions.



For the Fall 2013 session of Southern Exposure's YAB, Meredith Leich, Nina Rodriguez and the Youth Advisory Board Artists present *The Z Narrative*. *The Z Narrative* explores social networks through an interactive installation and reenactment of the narrative space of Facebook. This installation invites spectators to participate in an interpretation of the website and examine how social networks can transform identity, communication and storytelling in modern life.

LISTING INFORMATION

What: *The Z Narrative*
The Fall 2013 Youth Advisory Board's Final Project

Lead Teaching Artist: Meredith Leich
Assistant Teaching Artist: Nina Rodriguez
YAB Student Artists: Axel, Charles, Erika, Isaiah, Lori, Joel, Marcus

Where: Southern Exposure
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Opening Reception: Thursday, December 5, 2013, 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Project on View: December 5 – 14, 2013
Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 12:00 – 6:00 PM

Cost: FREE

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ABOUT THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) meets bi-weekly to explore relevant issues through analytical conversations, media explorations and collaborative art production. The Youth Advisory Board is a youth-driven after-school program where students, ages 12 to 21, collaborate with professional artists to produce art exhibitions at SoEx for the community. For each new spring and fall semester, two new teaching artists and an intern work with 15 to 20 students from all over the Bay Area to produce a collaborative project that addresses relevant issues in the lives of its youth members and the community at large.

ABOUT ARTISTS IN EDUCATION

Southern Exposure's nationally recognized Artists in Education (AIE) program brings together diverse youth, artists, schools and organizations in a dynamic series of interactions, experiences, conversations and collaborations. AIE offers youth enriching opportunities for critical, artistic, vocational and cultural experiences beyond the traditional school and home environment. It also presents professional teaching opportunities for local emerging artists, enabling them to become arts educators and extending their practice into the community.

Sparking a dialog on contemporary artistic practice and sociopolitical issues, AIE illustrates the role of artists in society and uses the conceptual underpinnings of SoEx's exhibition programs to provide new means of expression for youth. Each year, Southern Exposure works with more than 150 youth between the ages of 12 and 21 and employs more than 20 teaching artists. In the age of decreased art-centered curricula in public schools and a lack of positive, creative outlets for youth, AIE fills a crucial need in the community.

ABOUT SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

Southern Exposure (SoEx) is an artist-centered non-profit organization that is committed to supporting visual artists. Through our extensive and innovative programming, SoEx strives to experiment, collaborate and further educate while providing an extraordinary resource center and forum for Bay Area and national artists in our Mission District space and off-site, in the public realm.

An active presence in the Bay Area since 1974, SoEx is continually evolving in response to the needs of artists and the community while engaging the public in artists' work. Central to our mission is to remain the most accessible space for visual artists to produce and present new work, learn, and connect. SoEx provides visual artists with the tools and resources they need to experiment in an open and supportive environment. We also work to advocate to new, diverse audiences and build an ever-growing community of enthusiasts and supporters of the visual arts.

For more information and images, contact Sarah Hotchkiss at (415) 863-2141 or development@soex.org. Southern Exposure is located at 3030 20th Street (at Alabama), San Francisco, CA 94110. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 6 PM and gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 12 to 6 PM. Admission is always FREE. Website: www.soex.org.