

Re-Orientating Representation of Asian Australian Communities

Gennifer Hirano

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Photographer/Performance Artist

One night exhibition/performance event

"Re-Orientating Representations-Communities within Asian-Australia"

Gennifer Hirano, an American exchange student from University of California at Berkeley is having a short exhibiton with the Asian-Australian Artists Association

Gallery.4A

405-411 Sussex Street

3rd Floor, Room 3

Haymarket

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a one evening only opening will take place on Monday, December 1st, between 6-8pm.

The exhibition is a visual documentation of different Asian-Australians who have emmigrated to or were born in Australia and their experiences with culture, assimilation, representation, sexuality and other identity "crisis" issues. A wide variety of people from different occupations, nationalities and age groups have been chosen to be a part of this exhibition in attempt to dismantle the opinion that "all Asians are alike." The work is very much about stereotypes and impressions . It is under the theme that negative and positive are one of the few concepts that are simultaneously universal and subjective. The performance work "Identity Crisis" examines the journey from self-denial to self hatred to self discovery which many minorities in white Anglo countries like the U.S and Australia have embarked upon to some degree. A gang member, a Japanese-Australian art student, a Vietnamese refugee, a lesbian political activist, a TV presenter on Fox Channel, two G.Ps, the beautiful child of two Asian mothers all in the same room? Under the same category? The work is about a group of people, their trials and talents that run much deeper and more captivating than any discussion about Pauline Hanson.

Members of the Asian and non Asian Australian communities are invited to attend this aesthetic informative presentation in hopes that you may come away with a "Re-Orientated Representation" of what Asian-Australia is.

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