



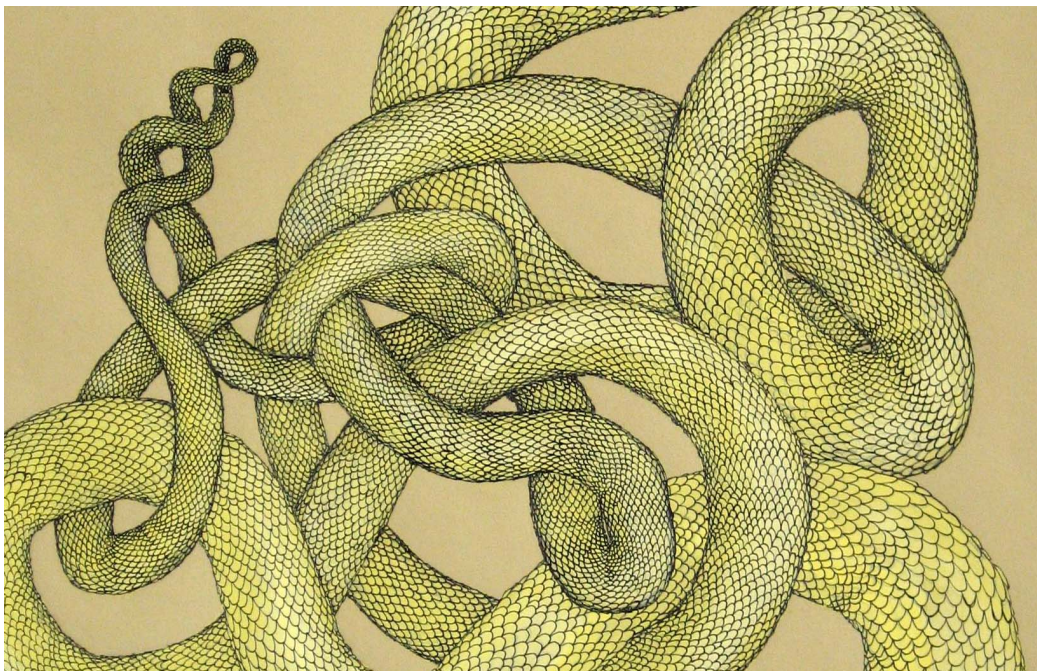
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
SOLO PROJECTS #4 & #5: FIGHT AMONGST YOURSELVES
September 24, 2010- October 29, 2010**

Newark, NJ August 18, 2010- On Friday, September 24, 2010 two Solo Projects will open simultaneously titled, *Fight Amongst Yourselves* featuring New Jersey artists Lori Merhige and Joshua Knoblick. The projects will take place on the first and ninth floor of 972 Broad St. Newark, NJ 07102, home of the Solo(s) Project House. Lobby installation will be present by SPH's studio residents Marc D'Agusto and Daniel Patrick Helmstetter. Entertainment will be provided by local band *The Vontons* and industrial disc jockey, *DJ RUIN*. Hell's Kitchen Lounge, whom will also host the after party from 11pm - 2:30am at 150 Lafayette St Newark, NJ 07102, will provide refreshments. The projects will be open to the public Wednesday - Friday from 12 - 6pm from September 24, 2010- October 29, 2010.

Solo Projects #4 & 5 Fight Amongst Yourselves

Fight Amongst Yourselves addresses the dueling powers created by each solo artist within their individual works and ultimately between separate installations. Each work of art contains it's own emotions which dramatically rise and challenge the others. They clash. They jerk. They push. They pull. They combat. They struggle. And they fight. They fight for seniority, stability & even ownership of the space allotted to them. We look at them and say, "Fight amongst yourselves!" Yet, the war continues.



Lori Merhige, *Fight Amongst Yourselves*, acrylic and ink on paper, 2010

Solo Artist #4 Lori Merhige boldly addresses power, “We cave in to it, prop it up, bow down to it. We hate it, we accept it, we fight it, we give up. We have it, but we don't always wield it. Or, we grasp for it and swing it around messily until it destroys everything around us.”

Merhige points her finger at history’s erasures and embellishments, parsing the humanity from the symbology. Identifying shapes such as the spiral column, the mountain and the pomegranate she has evoked connections with the structures of the most ancient societies which she translate through sculpture and intricate illustrations. Merhige has a solo exhibition in the main gallery space of the Solo(s) Project House located on the first floor of 972 Broad St.

Solo Artist #5 Joshua Knoblick, is collector of urban, larger-than-life ideas. He gravitates to the impossible and then produces it. Power is internal. He holds the power; the ability to breathe life into his sculptures. His sculptures sing a paean to the heyday of American manufacturing, honoring the inventions and innovations that laid the foundation of our modern world. Knoblick has a solo exhibition on the 9th floor of 972 Broad St.

The Solo(s) Project House is a project space dedicated to showcasing and elevating creative individuals or groups that produce as one. It acts as a “house” for artists providing unique studio space and a creative atmosphere, where artists can interact and produce their work.. The space has been created with the individual artist in mind, fostering and nurturing their physical and conceptual processes. The atmosphere acts as the inspiration and drives artists to push their work to the next level.

The Solo(s) Project House is a vision of Rebecca Jampol, a local artist and co-founder of the now closed Jajo Gallery of Newark, New Jersey. The space was graciously provided by Sunrise Newark Development, with the assistance of Square Foot LLC. Currently the studios are occupied by Ibrahim Ahmed III, Marc D’Agusto, Daniel Patrick Helmstetter, Rebecca Jampol, Kimberlyn Johnson, Josh Knoblick, Kylie Lefkowitz, and Marie Thompson.

The Solo(s) Project House is located at 972 Broad St. Newark, New Jersey and is open to the public Wednesdays through Fridays, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Admission is free.

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