



## Bends Back On

September 6 through October 12, 2008

Opening Reception, Saturday September 6, 6 to 8p

Number 35 is pleased to present *Bends Back On*, a two-person video and photography exhibition curated by Brad Silk. *Bends Back On* discusses the relations between self and society from the position of artist in reflection and artist as commenter. These artists develop a circular relationship, like the sociological condition known as reflexivity, where observer or actions implicate findings. In their visual analysis we discover the artists' fingerprint on society as well as the inverse.

Robert Dupree uses his body as a tool in his *Torture You/Torture Me* series, where we join him in discovering the limits of body and mind. Documenting acts of sadism and struggle, he grasps at social oddity within normality. Next to his still images, Dupree stacks five discarded television sets, playing videos that invite the viewer into his journey. Dupree travels through pain and whimsy in photography and video with a humorous yet concerning eye on modern society.

Claudia Saimbert studies the connections found in diverse backgrounds. Her raw portraits of young women on top of mounds of earth, call upon the idea of first female. Accompanying her portraits, Saimbert installs a mound which emits an haunting sound collage, woven together from subject interviews. Seemingly sterile, Saimbert's images depict the deep wounds within a diverse sisterhood, which she explores, finding similarities in varied experiences.

Number 35 Is Located at 39 Essex Street between Grand and Hester in New York City. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Friday, 12 to 6 and by appointment. For more information, please contact Brad Silk at 212 388 9311, [bradsilk@gmail.com](mailto:bradsilk@gmail.com) or Cindy Rucker at [cindy@numberthirtyfive.com](mailto:cindy@numberthirtyfive.com)

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#### Solo Exhibitions

2008 "DiVA Art Fair", Peer Gallery, New York, NY

#### Two Person Exhibitions

2008 "Bends Back On", New York, NY

2008 "Atlantic Artwalk", Kili, Brooklyn, NY

#### Group Exhibitions

2008 Video Screenings, Marfin Dom Museum, Arkhangelsk, Russia

2008 Video Screenings, Kaliningrad Art Museum, Gallery for  
Pictures, Kaliningrad, Russia

2007 MFA Thesis Exhibition, Calumet, New York, NY

2007 "Out of Me" Group show, New School, New York, NY

2007 "Maybe it's You" Group show, Parsons School of Design, New York, NY

2006 Juried show, CVCC Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

2006 "File under Awesome: 16 artists categorize and collect", Thomas  
Werner Gallery, New York, NY

2005 "Think Culture" Group show, Parsons School of Design, New York, NY

2005 Group Show, Apocalypse Lounge, New York, NY

2004 Exhibition at California State University San Jose, CA

2003 Photography Show, Curator and Exhibitor, Moxies, Chico, CA

2002 Digital Exhibition, California State University Chico, Ca

#### Education

Parsons School of Design, MFA Photography 2007

California State University Chico, BFA Philosophy 2004

Certificate- Logic and Critical Thinking 2004

