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### **International "Opposition" Descends on Oakland's Downtown**

OAKLAND, CALIF. – June 9, 2005. Oakland is gearing up for a major international coup on the Bay Area art scene as the Joyce Gordon Gallery hosts 22 global artists in an impressive group exhibition titled "Opposition". The exhibit is an international, political and generational tour de force featuring artists from the Netherlands, UK, Brazil, US, Poland, and Hungary. As debates rage worldwide on issues concerning ideological and political polarization, the artists in "Opposition" explore the ongoing nature of the creative spirit as a catalyst for reinvention, progress, freedom, and inclusion. The timing of this exhibit coincides with the Oakland "Bayennale", a two-week international art festival adopted from the widely acclaimed "biennales" festivals made popular throughout Europe. The opening reception for the "Opposition" exhibit will take place at the Joyce Gordon Gallery from 3:00 to 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 3, 2005. The exhibit will run from July 3 until July 28, 2005.

According to the curator, Rodney Artiles, "Opposition" is a perspective and a statement by three generations about what is happening in the world at this moment. "Art is arguably born of a drive to oppose opposition...a drive toward opposing as an on going activity through time...Art's nature is to defeat its own parameters by way of the new meanings it takes on from one generation to the next." For this exhibit, Artiles has successfully gathered an impressive group of highly recognized and up and coming artists that represent diverse visual and creative disciplines including video art, painting, printmaking, sculpture, photography, and poetry. For further information, please contact Joyce Gordon at 510-465-8928 or 510-465-8998. Joyce Gordon Gallery is located at 406 14th St., Oakland, Calif.

*Joyce Gordon Gallery, located in the downtown district of Oakland, California, reflects the social and cultural diversity of Bay Area and international artists. The gallery is dedicated to the creative pursuit and freedom of the individual, and seeks to make their work accessible to a broad audience.*