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## INHYE LEE Emotional Block



May 22 – June 16, 2012

Opening Reception: Thursday May 24th, 6-8pm

Image: Emotional Block: This Block Is Rotatable, 2012

SOHO20 Chelsea gallery presents *Emotional Block*, an exhibition of new work by Inhye Lee. The exhibition runs from May 22 through June 16 and will feature an interactive video installation and a limited edition handmade book by the artist.

The title piece in the exhibition features a digitally projected head inside a rotatable cube. In this piece Lee has created a visual manifestation of ones unknown/unseen fears, which prevent the flow of creativity and form a block. Visitors are encouraged to move and play with the cube, revealing all four sides of the head. The imposition of geometry on the human form is humorous and emphasizes Lee's interest in interactive play and puns in her work

The other work in the exhibition, *Face Book With A Hole: Four Emotions* uses an interactive book format to transfer emotion and identity. Lee's sense of humor is again apparent as the mix-matched faces create a slightly surreal rendering of humanity's most basic emotions; joy, sorrow, happiness, anger. The subjects in Lee's book volunteered their images from facebook profiles and photo albums, a nod to Lee's penchant for puns. The book itself, a beautifully crafted object with hand-cut windows manages to soften the mechanism of social networking to the simple inherent qualities we all share.

Inhye Lee is artist working with video, sound and interactivity. She has a B.A in Anthropology from Seoul National University and earned an M.P.S in new media arts from the Interactive Telecommunications Program at NYU. Her work has been exhibited at Chelsea Art Museum, Frying Pan, Museum of Television and Radio, ArtGate Gallery in NYC and Sang Sang Madang in Seoul. She also collaborates with other artists and has participated in Hoosac River Lights, Steampunk Festival in MA and Media Lab Prado's workshop in Madrid.

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