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PRESS RELEASE

Cheek By Jowl

Sculpture and Photographs
by Monica Bock

September 30 - October 25, 2008

Opening Reception: Thursday October 2nd, 5pm - 7pm

Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 12noon - 6pm. Admission is free.

SOHO20 Chelsea presents "Cheek By Jowl", sculpture and photographs by Monica Bock. The exhibition will be open to the public from September 30 through October 25, 2008. An opening reception will be held on Thursday October 2nd from 5pm - 7pm.

Cheek by Jowl consists of twenty-four pairs of dental casts resting on individual shelves, accompanied by twelve archival inkjet photographs. The casts chronicle the falling out and growing in of a pair of siblings' teeth over the course of three years, with an embossed date on each set of teeth marking the day the original dental mold was taken. Cast in sterling silver and bronze and formally displayed, the teeth are souvenir relics, serving as both memoir and memorial. The photographs offer a more immediate and light-hearted look at the intimate experience of watching a girl and a boy grow up.



Monica Bock is Associate Professor of Art at the University of Connecticut, Storrs. She has exhibited widely in such venues as Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art, Pittsburgh's Mattress Factory, Mobius in Boston, and Art in General in New York City. She received her BA in Art from Oberlin College, and her BFA and MFA in Sculpture from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she taught as an Adjunct Assistant Professor before accepting her current position in 1996. She has received a variety of awards including an Arts Midwest/NEA Regional Visual Arts Fellowship.

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