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For immediate release:

FRAN BULL & NORA VALDEZ *Home/Hogar*

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April 26 – May 19, 2012

Opening Reception: Thursday, April 26th, 6-8pm

Artists Talk: Saturday, May 19, 4-6pm



Soho20 Chelsea Gallery announces a two-person exhibition entitled *Home/Hogar* by artists Nora Valdez and Fran Bull. Valdez and Bull, stone sculptor and printmaker respectively, approach the shared theme of the exhibition from diverse and personal perspectives. Valdez lives the unusual life of a peripatetic stone carver. She has completed commissions in situ in China, Peru, Argentina and Europe. Born in Argentina of an Italian mother and a Spanish father she has lived and worked in Brazil, Italy and Spain and the United States. Valdez' limestone and marble works in this exhibition are inspired by her life of wandering, and by an empathy for the life of the displaced immigrant. Valdez seeks to recreate in her art the hard road endured by those caught within alien systems who seek the rootedness of home.

Valdez says, "I have shared my own history with many people and I am surprised to learn how many of us are navigating this same mighty river, moving from place to place, longing for home. Perhaps the true home dwells within each of us, and our geographical homes are but arbitrary."

Bull, whose art has been exhibited worldwide, views the exhibition theme from a perspective of those estranged from home, soldiers in War. Inspired by the wellknown WW1 poem, *In Flanders Fields*, Bull's work is a lamentation and a protest portraying the familiar drama: home destroyed, lives fractured and redefined by the often capricious vicissitudes of history.

Bull witnessed the devastation of war as a very young child. Her father was an American journalist who reported on the Nuremberg Trials. "I have never forgotten the spectacle of Berlin in ruins with little children my own age, half-naked and begging for food on the streets. I was perhaps too young to have seen what I saw, but then, so were the children caught up in it."

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