///// ASC RESIDENCY I: ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE LAUREN A TOOMER \\\/\\\

//// MAY 28 – JUNE 29, 2013 \\/////

A Simple Collective's ASC Projects, #104 on Treat at 18th St, San Francisco

The live residency begins May 28 and culminates in a solo exhibition June 8

Note: Exhibition extended through June 29!

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Born in San Francisco, **Lauren A. Toomer** earned a BA in the Practice of Art from the University of California Berkeley, graduating with the highest honors. With a focus on portraiture and an interest in examining the relationship between the self and the other within a social context, Toomer's work addresses the human condition. Her work is process oriented and evolves through mark-making, manifesting organically from a general idea.

Exploring people and their distinct emotional and physical conditions, Toomer's paintings, sculpture, and drawings are executed with great empathy and directness. Primarily a portrait artist, she is invested in rendering more than a face, but her subject's essence and life and maneuvers various mediums and material to decipher the sublime artistry of the human state, capturing people in all stages of their existence as physical beings. Her rigorous research for each series, as well as her detailed mark-making, are examples of her ongoing notion that the work, and the world around us, is more than the sum of its parts.

Toomer has been the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships including the Theresa Hak Kyung Cha fellowship from the Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive. She has exhibited at the Director Offices at SFMOMA, Worth Ryder Gallery, and University of San Francisco Equal Justice Society Art Show. Toomer is a member of A Simple Collective and maintains a dedicated studio practice in the Bay Area.

For more information about the exhibition, ASC, or its programs and services offered, visit www.asimplecollective.com

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Untitled Dirt Drawing, 2012
Dirt, charcoal, panel | 36 1/2 x 31 1/4 inches | $1,000

DNA, 2012
Gesso, graphite, pastel, paper, canvas, bamboo, reed | ~61 x 42 x 12 inches | $1,900

Portrait of a Boy, 2013
Graphite and white charcoal on paper scroll | 180 x 30 inches | $1,200

Untitled #3, 2013
Graphite and white charcoal on paper scroll | 180 x 30 inches | $1,200

His Portrait #1, 2011
Graphite and white charcoal on paper scroll | 180 x 30 inches | $1,200

Atom Portraits (masks)*, 2013
Reed, shadows | Dimensions vary, ~8 x 8 x 6 inches each | $85 and $125 each

Orbit, 2013
Bamboo, reed, shadow | 18 x 9 x 14 inches | (nfs) $350 for individualized mask

Lauren, 2013 | *Brother*, 2013 | *Light*, 2013
Reed, paper, graphite, shadow, wood pedestal | ~12 x 12 x 12 inches | $350 each

Masks (small)*, 2013
Reed, shadows | Dimensions vary, ~6 x 4 x 4 inches each | $40 each

***** All masks are wearable. Please ask for assistance. Custom-fitted if purchased

∘ Additional works available. Please inquire.