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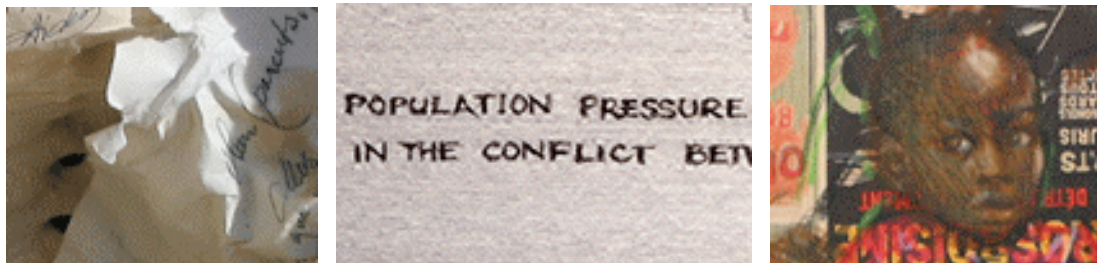
BROOKIE MAXWELL

Rwanda Mon Amour

A trans-media exhibition: sculptural installations, drawings, video, and performance

Exhibition Dates: April 3 – May 9, 2009

Opening Reception for the Artist: April 3, 2009, 6:00 – 8:00 pm



Gallery 138 is pleased to present *Rwanda Mon Amour*, a trans-media exhibition featuring drawings and sculptural installations by Brookie Maxwell, and video work by Jesse Hawkes, director of the Rwandan theater-based program, RAPSIDA. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide. Inspired by the courage of the Rwandan people to heal and progress, *Rwanda Mon Amour* addresses the roots, repercussions and reparations of genocide.

At this pivotal moment in history, America is redefining its relationship to basic constructs such as money and violence. In the words of President Obama, “we have chosen perceived safety over our ideals”, embracing collective unconsciousness and greed. As the repercussions of the Rwandan genocide are manifested in the Congo, *Rwanda Mon Amour* illuminates the human potential for positive change.

Facing History in Ourselves, an international organization dedicated to teaching tolerance and preventing human rights violations is sponsoring and directing workshops for New York City teachers and their students at Gallery 138 during the exhibition.

Maxwell and Hawkes recently received High Commendation from the Freedom to Create Prize, for artists working under human rights contraventions. A percentage of the profits from *Rwanda Mon Amour* will go to benefit RAPSIDA’s programs in Rwanda. Hawkes received the Theater Against War Award in 2008. Maxwell was recently interviewed and photographed working on *Rwanda Mon Amour* by Michelle Agins of *The New York Times*. Work from her *Exodus* series was recently acquired by the Amistad Research Center and will be shown in 2010 at the New Orleans Museum of Art.

Gallery 138 is located at 138 West 17th Street, 5th floor, New York, NY, 10011. For additional information and gallery hours, please contact Charles Wright at (212) 633- 0324, or contact@gallery138.com.