

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Theater for the New City, *Crystal Field*, Executive Director,  
Presents**

***The Lower East Side Festival of the Arts exhibit* , Curated  
by *Carolyn Ratcliffe*,**

### **What: “*Legalize Freedom, Art is Activism*” Exhibit**

This multidisciplinary exhibit shows the work of artists who live and/or have worked in Lower East Side. Some of the artists who are exhibiting examine the phenomena of how Freedom is under siege in our country i.e. such as with the suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus by the NDAA- National Defense Authorization act- signed into law by President Obama in Dec of 2011 allowing the US government to indefinitely detain US citizens held without trial and the shutdown of the Occupy Protests. Artists have long been at the forefront of demanding a democratic government using their work as a medium to draw attention to wrongs that need to be addressed. Others chose to represent different aspects of freedom as represented in their images and sculptures.

Elliot Berke, Mario Bustamante, Lois Carlo, Fletcher Crossman, Onno de Jong, Silvio de la Cruz, Denis Edge, Lauren Edmond, Sanam, Eric Fennell, Nora Glikman, Mark Hurwitt, Kathy Jennings, Randy Jones, Susann Ferris-Jones, Karim Marquez, Fran McGee, Lissa Moira, Armando Marrero, Adriano Moraes, Horacio Molina, Jerry Pagane, Rochelle Pashkin, Carolyn Ratcliffe, Janet Restino, Mike Rimbaud, Bonnie Rosenstock, Morena Saenz, Alexis Savino, Anura Thamaradt, Jeffrey Cyphers Wright, Arrow Zelasnic

**Exhibit: runs from May 23<sup>rd</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup>. Gallery hours are  
from 4-7 Monday-Wednesday,**

**Opening Reception 5:30-8pm, Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> with  
music by Elliot Berke and Armando Marrero**

**4-8pm Thursday-Saturday and 2-5 pm Sundays. Artists  
will be on hand during those hours to answer inquiries  
about the work.**

**Address:** Theater for the New City, 155 First Avenue,  
between East 9th & East 10th Streets

Public transportation is by bus (M15, M 8, M14A) Subway: R to E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., 6 to Astor Place, L to E. 14<sup>th</sup> St & 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, F to Houston/2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

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