



SIAMESE  
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REDISCOVER



Thai Artists Alliance

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## SIAMESE CONNECTION 2011: REDISCOVER 31 ARTISTS AND DESIGNERS FEATURED IN NYC THAI ARTS SHOWCASE

Thursday, July 28 - Sunday, July 31, 1:30 - 9:30pm, Daily

Opening Reception: Thursday, July 28, 2011, 7:00pm

At The Invisible Dog Arts Center

51 Bergen St., Brooklyn NY 11201

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**Siamese Connection 2011: Rediscover** marks the second-year running for New York's foremost multidisciplinary Thai arts exhibition held by Thai Artists Alliance. The 4-day event will be held from July 28-31, 2011 and takes place at the Invisible Dog Arts Center in Boerum Hill, Brooklyn. The exhibition features a total of 31 Thai artists and designers working in painting, sculpture, photography, design, installation and film.

The opening reception on Thursday, July 28, at 7:00pm will feature honored guest speaker Consul-General Piriya Khempon from the Royal Thai Consulate in New York, followed by a special dance performance by Siras Nitithatsanakul and friends. Food and drinks will be served. The exhibition holds its closing reception on Sunday, July 31, 5:30pm and features a live music showcase featuring a lineup of Thai-American performers: Napat Snidvongs and Friends, Kris & Phueksachard Trio, Earth Science and Low Fat Getting High playing a mixed bag of acoustic, jazz, punk, and post-rock sounds. Drinks will be served.

Tickets are a suggested \$5 donation for admission. Visitors can also register for free entry to the event through the Thai Artists Alliance website.

In the spring of 2011, Thai Artists Alliance announced an open call for entries for Thai artists in New York to submit their work for consideration for **Siamese Connection 2011: Rediscover**. A panel of jurors consisting of 5 esteemed artists, designers and art professionals selected the final 25 artists to be featured in the exhibition. The artists chosen for this year are an eclectic but cohesive group of young and emergent artists mixed with a few who are older and more established.

As New York's largest Thai arts showcase, Siamese Connection was first conceived in 2010 to provide a much needed platform for emerging Thai artists based in New York, many of whom have come here to work and study. Last year's Siamese Connection, held in May 2010, drew over 1,000 attendees throughout its 4-day period.

This year's show will feature a selection of works from special guest artists including the **Siamese Connection 2011: Rediscover** jurors: Goil Amornvivat (architect/interior designer), Sarasin Chatwichtkoon (mixed-media artist, president of Thai Artists Alliance), Prawat Laucharoen (professor, printmaker), Keith Schweitzer (independent curator, photographer), Sutthirat Supaparinya (video/installation artist), as well as the work of renowned London-based illustrator, Pomme Chan.

This year's theme of "rediscover" was selected to prompt artists to take another look at themselves, their identity and their surroundings, finding new meaning, significance and perspective in familiar or forgotten things. One featured artist, Intiporn (Inti) Rojanasopondist, explores the body's rediscovery of space as it interacts with her site-specific, installation, "Suspension", made of hand-crocheted rope. In photographer Udom Surangsophon's "Self-Portrait", he rediscovers boldness and a sense of humor while confronting his life-long affliction with shyness by baring down to his briefs to recreate the packaging on a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. In the short film "Homework" filmmaker Kanin Koonsumitawong tells the story of a Thai-American boy, who, having never set foot in Thailand himself, must rediscover his ethnic roots when he is given a school assignment to present an essay about his native country.

For a complete list of artists, event details and more info, visit: [www.thaiartistsnyc.org](http://www.thaiartistsnyc.org)



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### *Suspension*

Intiporn (Inti) Rojanasopondist,  
Approx. 2,400 feet of clothesline,  
Dimensions variable,  
2011



### *Self-Portrait*

Udom Surangsophon,  
Photograph,  
54 x 76 inches,  
2010



### *Homework*

Kanin Koonsumitawong,  
Short Film,  
Total Running Time: 15 min,  
2011



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