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## **SIAMESE CONNECTION:**

**PREMIERE 4-DAY ART EVENT FEATURING 25 EMERGING THAI ARTISTS IN NEW YORK**

**TUESDAY, MAY 25 -FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2010, 3-9 PM, DAILY**

**OPENING RECEPTION: TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010, 7-9 PM**

**AT DUMBO ARTS CENTER (DAC)**

**30 Washington St., Brooklyn, NY, 11201**

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**Siamese Connection** is an unprecedented event featuring a selection of works from 25 young Thai artists based in New York City. This four-day art event will showcase artists working individually and collaboratively in fine art, film, photography, design and the performing arts, while providing emerging Thai artists a much-needed platform to present their work to the general public. **Siamese Connection** will be held at Dumbo Arts Center (DAC) from May 25-28, 2010 and be open for viewing from 3-9pm daily with nightly special performances starting at 7pm. Proudly presented by **Thai Artists Alliance**, **Siamese Connection** will examine how Thai culture is affected and interpreted within the diverse multi-cultural landscape of New York City.

In recent weeks, Thailand has been the focus of world attention while it undergoes major socio-political upheaval. For Thais living abroad, the situation is especially unnerving and heartbreaking. In light of the recent turmoil, it has become even more necessary for Thais to unite and express what is unique and beautiful about their identity and culture. The artists and individuals involved with **Siamese Connection** hope that the event will in some measure re-shift the focus to the more positive and inspirational during these troubled times.

The exhibition's title "**Siamese Connection**," like many Thai words and phrases, has a playful double meaning. The first of which refers to the emerging Thai "Siamese" artists (Thailand was known as Siam until 1939), *connecting* with New Yorkers and contributing to the rich cultural life of the city. The other meaning is an acknowledgment of the Siamese connection standpipes, present on nearly every street corner, and named after the original "Siamese twins", Chang and Eng, who eventually settled in the United States.

In addition to the works on view, **Siamese Connection** will highlight a special program each evening that includes a multi-media performance, film screening and live music.

**DAY 1 : May 25, Tue, 3-9pm**

**7pm - Opening Reception:** Drinks and appetizers, honored guest speakers and live multi-media performance staged by **Siamese Connection** artists.

**DAY 2 : May 26, Wed, 3-9pm**

**7pm - Film:** Screening of short films by **Siamese Connection** artists.

**DAY 3 : May 27, Thu, 3-9pm**

**7pm - Fine Art & Design:** Live experimental performance from **Siamese Connection** artists.

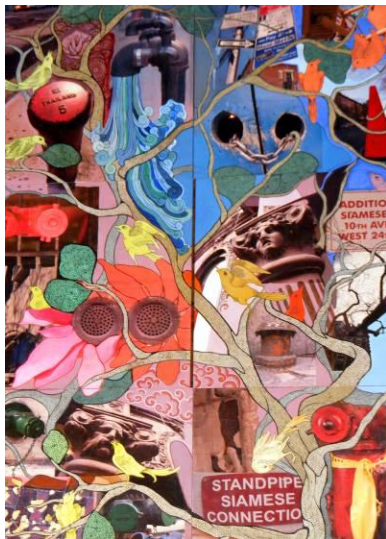
**DAY 4 : May 28, Fri, 3-9pm**

**7pm - Closing Reception:** Drinks, live experimental performance and music from **Siamese Connection** artists.

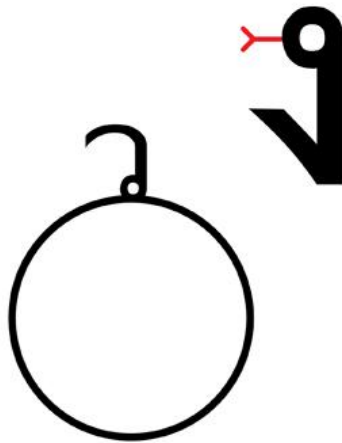
Suggested **\$5 donation** for entry to the event. For free entry, visitors may register online at [www.thaiartistsnyc.org](http://www.thaiartistsnyc.org)

**Siamese Connection** is the first event from **Thai Artists Alliance**. The formation of **Thai Artists Alliance** carries out the long-awaited dream of making the uniqueness of Thai art and culture more prominent within the multicultural community of New York City. It is dedicated to furthering the understanding and appreciation of Thai people and culture through the arts as well as serving as a creative resource and supportive organization to connect Thai artists to the broader community.

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



*Siamese Branches* by Sirikul Pattachote, Mixed media collage on wood panels, 72 x 120 inches, 2010



*Thaipograms* by Sai-ek Praditpolpanich, Detail from design installation, 2010



*Revelation* by Siras Nitithatsanakul, Multimedia performance, 2010

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