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Artist Caroline Mak Creates “Chain Reaction,” a 25 Foot Long Site-Specific Installation Made with Everyday Objects for BAC Gallery

BROOKLYN, NY - (August 12, 2011) On Friday, September 23, [BAC Gallery](#) opens [Caroline Mak’s](#) *Chain Reaction* (September 23, 2011 – January 6, 2012), a new 25 foot long, site-specific wall installation created specifically for the gallery space. A seemingly mundane object, a potted plant, initiates a series of chain reactions that travel down the length of the gallery wall. Along the way, collections of objects collide, creating visual puns that are a whimsical play on each object’s intended function. Rather than attempting to create a large scale kinetic installation, Mak uses commonly found everyday household objects to weave a complex directional, wall-sized collage where carefully chosen formal elements dictate the topsy-turvy, yet strangely logical, sequence. Six-pack rings and garden hoses find their way into the work, becoming critical junctions in this long wall installation.

Opening Reception:

Friday, September 23, 6-9pm

[DUMBO Arts Festival](#) Hours:

Saturday, September 24 & Sunday September 25, Noon - 8pm

Chain Reaction continues Mak’s fascination with attempting to translate and recreate natural processes using man-made and found materials. In the process of trying to reconstruct and further understand these processes, systems start to become apparent in the spaces they are assigned to, each self-contained worlds with their own inherent logic.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

[Caroline Mak](#) is an installation and mixed media artist from Hong Kong, now based in Brooklyn, NY. She received a BA in Biology from Stanford University (2002) and an MFA from the University of Chicago (2005). She has been the recipient of an Emerging Artist Fellowship from Socrates Sculpture Park, a BRIC Media Fellowship and she was an NEA Fellow at the Elsewhere Collaborative Residency during the summer of 2010. Exhibition highlights include the installations at Socrates Sculpture Park, NY; Islip Art Museum, NY and ‘Mirage’ at Hong Kong Art Fair. Mak was a resident at Gallery Aferro, Newark, NJ in 2010, and will have a solo exhibition at Aferro in September 2011. In addition, her work will be exhibited at ArtSpace New Haven in the spring of 2012.

ABOUT BAC GALLERY

[Brooklyn Arts Council's](#) BAC Gallery (111 Front Street, Suite 218) is located in the heart of the vibrant DUMBO arts district and offers artists an opportunity to show their art in an environment frequented by a host of arts enthusiasts and professionals – from collectors, artists and administrators to gallerists and community organizers. Regular gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 11am-5pm. All of the artists included in the BAC Gallery exhibition program are members of BAC's Online *Registry of Brooklyn Artists*. Contact Gallery Director Courtney J. Wendroff @ 718-625-0080 for more information.



BAC Gallery participates in [DUMBO 1st Thursday](#). Come down the first Thursday of every month for special programming and extended gallery hours!