



**Rochester Contemporary Art Center**

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admission: \$1 / free for members



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## State of the City - 2009

August 7 - September 20

**Opening Reception:** Friday, August 7, 6-10pm

**Artists' Talk:** August 8, 1pm

**Video Screening:** *Style Wars* - September 13, 1pm



Rochester Contemporary Art Center is pleased to announce *State of the City - 2009*. This multimedia exhibition features Photographer Lesley Horowitz and Street Artists, FUA Krew.

Last year Rochester Contemporary Art Center successfully launched the **State of the City** series of exhibitions intended to bring together a diverse group of artists from across the region and present a selection of artworks from and about Upstate Cities. **State of the City - 2009** expands on and adds to this unique exhibition concept by bringing together new and diverse creative strategies that combine disciplines and speak to our current moment in Upstate NY.

Horowitz, a Buffalo and New York City based photographer extensively documents the remnants of Buffalo's industry. Horowitz enters and documents dilapidated industrial spaces. The eery dark places that Horowitz seeks out all have important stories to tell and questions to ask. Who worked here? What was produced? What happened? Though some go unanswered, the viewer and the artist are motivated to look further, into the shadows, into the past. Horowitz's work has recently been included in "Turn On" at SLAG Gallery in New York.

Rochester-based FUA Krew is upstate New York's oldest and most well-known street artist group. FUA (From Up Above) was founded in the early 1980's and currently consists of its second generation graffiti writers and street artists. FUA's collaborative murals and individual pieces can be found all around Rochester and throughout New York State. FUA members paint publicly each year for the B-Boy BBQ. Their work is prominently featured in *The Lost Borough* a new documentary about hip hop culture in Upstate NY. Five members of the FUA Krew have contributed to **State of the City - 2009**. Range, Zone II, Sno, Ozone and Melo 147 have painted a large mural directly on the gallery wall. Their work presents their collective vision for the future of street-style and hip hop artwork in Upstate NY.

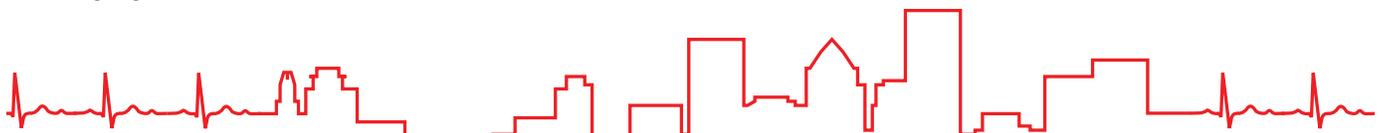
Lesley Horowitz and several members of FUA will give an **artists' talk** and discuss their artwork with the public on **August 8 @1pm**

**Video screening of *Style Wars* (1982) "The Original Hip-Hop Documentary" : September 13 @1pm**

Tony Silver and Henry Chalfant's important PBS documentary *Style Wars* tracks the rise and fall of subway graffiti in New York in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Marth J. O'Connor's exhibition *Augurhood*, in the LAB Space also opens August 7, 6-10pm

Rochester Contemporary Art Center is a venue for the exchange of ideas. As a gallery for thoughtful contemporary art we provide unique encounters for audiences and extraordinary opportunities for emerging artists.



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