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Potentially Harmful: The Art of American Censorship
at Georgia State University
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Georgia State University presents the exhibition *Potentially Harmful: The Art of American Censorship* through March 10, 2006, in the Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design Gallery.

Featured:

Emblematic works by David Avalos, Lynda Benglis, Benita Carr, The Critical Art Ensemble, Sue Coe, Alex Donis, Karen Finley, Eric Fischl, Tom Forsythe, Louis Hock, John Jota Leños, Gayla Lemke, Alma Lopez, Robert Mapplethorpe, Carolee Schneemann, Dread Scott, Andres Serrano, Elizabeth Sisco, John Sims, Anita Steckel, John Anthony Trobaugh, Pat Ward Williams, Nancy Worthington and Marilyn Zimmerman.

The exhibition also includes Internet access to *The File Room* by Muntadas and *The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance*, a DVD timeline of art censorship produced for this project by the National Coalition Against Censorship.

Potentially Harmful, writes curator Cathy Byrd, “examines the role of art – especially provocative art – in fostering and defining a distinct American culture.” Through two exhibitions, presentations by performance artists, artists’ talks, panel discussions, film screenings and legal seminars, this project reflects on the environment that nurtures challenging art and the role of artistic controversy in our society.

A 130-page catalog documents the exhibition, with essays by Nina Felshin, Lisa Kincheloe, Michael Landau, Jon Lewis, Richard Meyer, Svetlana Mintcheva, Susan Richmond, Faith Wilding, and Michelle Joan Wilkinson. The catalogue release date is February 2006.

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dCollaborators include the National Coalition Against Censorship, 7 Stages Theater, the Youth Art Connection Gallery, Grady High School, the Georgia Lawyers for the Arts, and IMAGE Film and Video Center.

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