

FINISHING SCHOOL

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Finishing School (FS) is a collective identity that enlists tactical media to investigate the many intersections between critical, covert, and common subject territories. All FS projects attempt to demystify cultural production and engage viewers into various participatory models.

Awards/Grants/Commissions

2005 Public Art Commission, Art Institute of California-Orange County
2005 Beyond Category, 3rd Place, Memefest, International Festival of Radical Communication
2005 Nimoy Foundation Artist Residency
2004 Beyond Category, 6th Place, Memefest, International Festival of Radical Communication
2002 Public Art Project of the Year, Allied Arts Board, City of Huntington Beach, CA

Exhibitions/Festivals/Actions

2007

Open House, Polvo, Chicago, IL (Upcoming)

2006

PIO, enView Gallery, Long Beach, CA

On the Move, Smithsonian Week, Long Beach, CA

People For A Better Tomorrow, Curated by Meg Cranston, Sweeney Art Gallery, University of California at Riverside, Riverside, CA

Open House, Home of Mr. and Mrs. Lopez, Santa Ana, CA (Upcoming)

Urban Networks, Curated by Susan Joyce, Art Interactive, Cambridge, MA (Upcoming)

2005

Open House, Home of Mr. and Mrs. Hoff, Huntington Beach, CA

Version > 05, Chicago, IL

Soundtoys, <http://www.soundtoys.net>

delocator.net, Walter and McBean Galleries, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA

Memefest, International Festival of Radical Communication

Detours, Huntington Beach Art Center, Huntington Beach, CA

Because We Forget, Metcalf Gallery, California Baptist University, Riverside, CA

2004

InterFACES, Raffles LaSalle International Design School, Bangkok, Thailand

Memefest, International Festival of Radical Communication

PSA: IMAGES/OBJECTS/ACTIONS, The Office, Huntington Beach, CA

re_image, Curated by Susan Joyce, Remote Lounge, New York, NY

2003

Acquired Taste, Wattis Institute, California College of the Arts, San Francisco, CA

Talent Show, Southern California Artist Center, Pomona, CA

The Patriot Library, with Christy Thomas, Lucky Tackle, Oakland, CA

Saturday School, with Jason Brown, Yucef Merhi, and Claire Pentecost, New York University
New York, NY
Read for War, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
TEXT, Raid Projects, Los Angeles, CA
Zine Scene, Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA

2002

First Issue, Come Unpaused, ICU Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Sculptural Engineering, Huntington Beach Art Center, Huntington Beach, CA

2001

Saturday School, with Critical Art Ensemble and Beatriz da Costa, Derek Rees, Khan Tran, and
xtine, Raid Projects, Los Angeles, CA

Reviews/Publications

Scarborough, James. "Raw, Sophisticated Exhibit Worth enView" *Gazette Newspaper*, 3/9/06
Lobel, Hannah. "Finishing School Projects" *Utne Magazine*, 12/05
From the Front. "Why Delocate?" *Adbusters.com*, 7/26/05
Collinson, Stephen. "Latte lovers left frothing over coffee wars" *AFP, Mail&Guardian*, 6/20/05.
Glenn, Joshua. "Delocate me" *Boston Globe*, 06/19/05.
Bond, Mindy. "Carrie McLaren, Editor, Stay Free" *The Gothamist*, 6/7/05
Manners, Tim. "Cool of the Day, Starbucks Delocator" *Reveries Magazine*, 5/20/05
Schwartz, Karen. "Let's have another cup of coffee" *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, 05/08/05
Leo, Peter. "May I not call? " *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 5/06/05
Severson, Kim. "The Little Coffee Shop Around the Corner" *New York Times*, 5/4/05
Macarena-Avila, Jesus; Cortez, Miguel, ed. "Delocator.Net" *Polvo Magazine*, Spring, 2005
Schwartz, Karen. "Breaking Free of the Big Chain Coffee" *O. C. Register*, 5/2/05
Staff "Hot Sites" *USA Today*, 4/27/05
Zorn, Eric. "Land of Linkin" *Chicago Tribune*, 4/22/05
Brown, Peter. "What's on the Web" *San Francisco Examiner*, 4/19/05
Schwartz, Karen. "Want to Avoid Starbucks? Check out the Web" *Columbia News Service*,
4/19/05
Allen, Jules. "Site Seeing" *St. Petersburg Times*, 4/18/05
Grobaty, Tim. "Coffe and the Bear Claw" *Long Beach Press Telegram*, 4/12/05
Dibbell, Julian. "Big Joe Goes Down, Tactical media collective's counter-marketing device fights
Starbucks with decent panini" *The Village Voice*, 4/8/05
Serwer, Andy. "The Dow Enjoys a Four-Day Rally" *Street Life, Fortune Magazine*, 4/7/05
Andrews, Catherine. "Coffee for the Independent-Minded", *dcist.com*, 4/6/05
Chin, Brian. "Indie cafe finder" *Local Section, Buzzworthy, Seattle Post Intelligencer*, 4/6/05
Carfi, Christopher. "Customers Use Social Technology to Route Around Corporate Monoculture"
Social Customer Manifesto, www.socialcustomer.typepad.com, 4/5/05
Attack of the Show, "Must....Have....Caffiene" *Episode #5054, G4 TV*, 4/5/05
"delocator.net" *ArtBase, Rhizome.org*, 4/3/05
Life Feed "Delocator Launches grassroots anti-Starbucks movement" *Agenda Inc.* 4/3/05
McLaren, Carrie. "Google campaign for the Starbucks Delocator" *Stay Free Magazine Blog*, 4/4/05
Koppman, Debra. "Previews - Detours" *Artweek*, 3/05
Matus, Mandy. "Because We Forget Exhibit Promotes Rememberance of Homeless Veterans"
The Banner Newspaper, 2/11/05
Rushkoff, Douglas; Vodeb, Oliver; Liacas, Tom; Dechene, Paul; "Memefest, 2004, International
Festival of Radical Communication, Jury Reviews" *www.memefest.org*, 6/04
Shoenkopf, Rebecca. "Wage Gap" *O.C. Weekly*, 6/11/04
San Francisco Weekly, "Night and Day" *San Francisco Weekly*, 4/23/03
Finishing School. "Saturday School, New York University" *Finishing School*, 2/03
Walsh, Daniella. "This Exhibition is Watching You" *O. C. Register*, 6/23/02

Shoenkopf, Rebecca. "Diminishing Returns" O.C. Weekly, 6/21/02
Finishing School. "FS Basic Search Procedures Training Manual" Finishing School, 6/02
Shoenkopf, Rebecca. "The Art of Summer" O.C. Weekly, 5/24/02
Beltz, Eric & Aghajanian, Arthur, ed. "Saturday School" Raid Projects Journal,
Los Angeles, 12/01

Lectures/Panels

What We Do and Why We Do It, Huntington Beach Art Center, Huntington Beach, CA
Art Forum, Santa Ana College, Santa Ana, CA
Finishing School, A Collective Practice, Fine Art Department, MiraCosta College, Oceanside, CA

Past FS Members

Xtine Hanson 2001-2005
Joel Heflin 2001-2002
Janice Ledgerwood 2001-2002

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