



## MEDIA ALERT

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**WHAT: Positively Sixth Street: 1992-2009** A retrospective from San Francisco's Sixth Street Photography Project, featuring professional and participant documentary photography.

**WHEN :** Artists' reception June 26, 2010 from 5-8pm; open through July 30, 2010

**WHERE:** Venice Arts Gallery, 1702 Lincoln Boulevard, Venice, CA 90291 | 310-392-0846

**WHY:** Marks the beginning of a new curatorial focus on documentary and participant-produced photography and film. To be followed in August by **Through The Eyes of Haitian Children**, documenting life in Haiti both before and after the devastating earthquake; their work was recently featured on Lens, the photo blog of the New York Times. The **Price Of Sugar**, a film screening about Haitians working in slave-like conditions in the Dominican sugar industry, will close the exhibit. Venice Arts will close the year with **Injustice, Power, & Unusual People**, a retrospective by renowned documentary photographer and former photojournalist Jim Hubbard, who has received many accolades for his work, including three Pulitzer nominations. Concurrent with Jim's exhibit will begin a series of free Public Programs—presentations, conversations, and special events about documentary photography, photojournalism, and visual storytelling in the digital age sponsored by Venice Arts' Institute for Photographic Empowerment, a joint institute with USC Annenberg.

**WHO:** Since 1993, Venice Arts has been running innovative programs in documentary photography, filmmaking, and digital media/arts, primarily targeting low-income youth in the Los Angeles area. Venice Arts has come to be recognized as an Exemplary Arts Organization and has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions for its unique Media Art Mentoring programs and its innovative integration of technology into arts learning. Venice Arts also implements regional, national, and international participant-produced photo documentary projects with adults and children. In 2007, Venice Arts joined with the USC Annenberg Center on Communication Leadership to create the Institute for Photographic Empowerment.

**MORE INFO:** Venice Arts: [www.venice-arts.org](http://www.venice-arts.org). Institute for Photographic Empowerment: [www.joinipe.org](http://www.joinipe.org).