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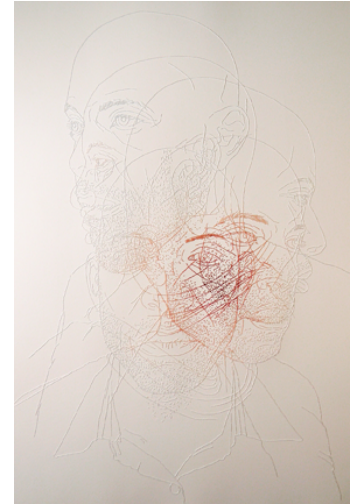
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Transformer is proud to present Lily deSaussure in her first DC Solo Exhibition:

Lily deSaussure: *Double Dare Ya*  
December 10, 2011 – January 28, 2012

Opening Reception: Saturday, December 10, 6 – 8pm  
Artist Talk: Saturday, January 14, 2pm

Transformer is proud to present a new body of work by Washington, DC based artist Lily deSaussure with *Double Dare Ya*, her first DC solo exhibition. Marking Transformer's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual DC Artist Solo Exhibition, *Double Dare Ya* will feature both deSaussure's embroidered works on paper and her recent experiments with installation. Inspired by personal photographs that memorialize people and experiences which have helped shape and construct her identity, deSaussure meticulously hand-embroiders aspects of these images to create multi-layered, mixed media self-portraits.



Combining photography, drawing, embroidery, and sculpture to build intimate and intricate works that both chronicle and re-contextualize the passage of time, with *Double Dare Ya* deSaussure debuts a site-specific installation that fuses her intimate, personalized embroidery with a public, physical space. Powered by memories of past relationships and a heightened sense of self-awareness, her work re-defines her life experiences as captured in photographs, through the scale, color, and layering of her mixed media works. Her installation, based on the formal characteristics of a monument, is a physical manifestation of intangible memories that represent the confrontation and reconciliation between past self & present, past relationships and present, as well as viewer and space.

"The act of taking a photograph fixes time but also removes it from a continuous present. My snapshots remove details of events from their original context and function as artifacts of personal memories. They act as pieces of the past that help me orient myself in the present." – Lily deSaussure

Lily deSaussure studied at California College of the Arts and the University of San Francisco, receiving a BFA in Drawing and Painting in 2003. She received an MFA in painting from American University in 2008. She has exhibited throughout the US and was recently featured in exhibits at Dorian Grey Gallery (New York, NY) and Dialog Gallery (Roanoke, VA). deSaussure is currently an Adjunct Faculty member at both the College of Southern Maryland and Northern Virginia Community College.

**EXHIBITION HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 1 – 7pm & by appointment.** Transformer will be closed Dec 23 – Jan 2 in observance of winter holidays.

Image: *I Ain't Yo Mama*, Lily deSaussure, 2011, cotton embroidery floss on paper, 22 X 30"

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