

# Free Emporium & Gift Exchange

**On view: December 5, 2009 – January 9, 2010**

**Reception: Saturday, December 12, 4 – 6 pm**

**Gallery Hours: Monday – Saturday, 12 – 6 pm**

**Holiday Hours: Gallery Closed December 25, 2009, January 1, 2010**

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Cuchifritos is pleased to present, in collaboration with **Double A Projects (artists Athena Robles and Anna Stein)** a new project, the *Free Emporium and Gift Exchange*, specially designed for the space at Cuchifritos. The *Free Emporium and Gift Exchange* is a franchise of the project *Global Free Store* and offers both an exhibition and interactive storefront experience. In a boutique-like setting, *Free Emporium and Gift Exchange* showcases *Global Free Store* products, tags, prints and seeds, as well as photographs and video produced in conjunction with the *Global Free Store*. Visitors are encouraged to contribute their responses to the exhibition. In addition, as the gift-giving season is upon us, *Free Emporium and Gift Exchange* offers a special opportunity in which visitors can bring in their unwanted and unused holiday gifts to exchange for other items/unwanted gifts in the store.

*Free Emporium and Gift Exchange* continues the work of Double A Projects to examine alternative systems of support and the creative ways in which communities work to sustain them. The *Global Free Store* and its emporium is a roving, artist-run collaborative project based on demonstrating principles of generosity, self-sustainability and a gift economy in art. The debut incarnation of *Global Free Store* on Nassau Street attracted worldwide press and TV coverage in March 2009.

**Special Bake Swap Event: Public Project by Rosa Ruey on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

To participate, bring canned or baking goods to the *Free Emporium* through Dec 16<sup>th</sup> during exhibition hours.

Cuchifritos is located inside the historic Essex Street Market, at the south end nearest Delancey Street. J,M,Z and F trains to Essex/Delancey. Cuchifritos is FREE, open to the public and handicapped accessible.



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