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Portrait of Monica Furmanski by Donna Granata, Focus on the Masters Portrait Series

An Evening with Monica Furmanski
June 2, 2009 - 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Technology Development Center
5200 Valentine Dr., Ventura

To learn more about Monica Furmanski please visit:
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I've always thought of windows as spaces to frame daydreams.

~Monica Furmanski

Monica Furmanski, photographer and installation artist, directs the viewer's experience, blurring the lines between image and reality. In 2002 Monica placed window-sized, slightly out-of-focus transparencies of tropical vistas in the existing windows of a gallery in Pasadena. In 2003 another installation created wall-sized images of landscapes where none existed. These and subsequent installations present a space for the viewer to explore the ambiguities created between the images and the viewers expectations. Cryptofloriography, a series of images created in 2007 in which selected elements of rain forest photos are removed digitally, continue this exploration of visual expectation, forcing the viewer's engagement. If in her earlier work she was "pushing the image into the viewer's space," these more recent works make a space for the viewer to enter into the image. Monica and her husband, FOTM Master Artist Matt Furmanski, operate a gallery in Ventura that highlights the work of emerging, cutting-edge artists.

\$10 General Admission - \$5 Students and Seniors

Free to FOTM members, recently unemployed and students under 18

Please RSVP at 805.653.2501 or by emailing

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The public is welcome to join the artist, FOTM staff and volunteers for PHILANTHROPIZZA after the interview. The California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser at the Pacific View Mall runs all day the first Tuesday of every month with 20% of your check being donated to FOTM! A flyer is required and can be download at www.FocusOnTheMasters.com .

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