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Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF) presents **Dreaming of Lucid Living**, a performance by artist, designer, and animator Miwa Matreyek for the June presentation of **Forum Lounge**.



WHAT: FORUM LOUNGE: *Dreaming of Lucid Living*

WHEN: THU. JUN 4, 2009

TIME: 7-9 PM

COST: FREE!

LOCATION:

Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF)
653 Paseo Nuevo
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Miwa Matreyek

Dreaming of Lucid Living, 2007

Production still

Image courtesy the Artist

SANTA BARBARA, CA.—*The ART of sleep.* Venture into a realm of the surreal as artist and University of California, Santa Barbara graduate, Miwa Matreyek pushes the boundaries of realism through a combination of movement, music, and projected animations. In the award-winning *Dreaming of Lucid Living*, Matreyek performs carefully choreographed actions behind screens, syncing her body with colorful, animated films to create an elaborate visual performance. Overlapping her live shadow with projected videos, music, and props, this work transforms life's mundane activities into extraordinary and beautiful experiences. In this fantastical piece, observers seem to witness occurring dreams.

Matreyek is a Los Angeles-based animator/director and multi-media artist. She is a recipient of the Princess Grace Award for Film (2006), and the Princess Grace Special Projects grant for Film (2008). Her solo performance work, *Dreaming of Lucid Living* has most recently shown at the San Francisco Film Festival and at REDCAT, Los Angeles, CA (2008). Matreyek won the Student Grand Prix and Audience Choice Award for Best Installation at the Platform International Animation Festival, Portland, OR (2007). She recently graduated from CalArt's Experimental Animation program.

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The Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF) is a non-profit, non-collecting alternative art space dedicated to the exhibition, education, and cultivation of the arts of our time. Celebrating its 33rd anniversary in 2008, CAF is the premier venue for contemporary art between Los Angeles and San Francisco. **Images available upon request. For more information contact Lauren Mermel, at 805.966.5373 ext 104 or go online to www.sbcaf.org.**

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