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The Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum (CAF) features Sarah Paul Ocampo and The All Girl Comb Choir as they perform *Advanced Beginner* for February's **Forum Lounge** performance series.



WHAT: FORUM LOUNGE

Sarah Paul Ocampo, *Advanced Beginner*

WHEN: THURS. FEB. 5, 2009

TIME: 7-9 PM

COST: FREE!

LOCATION:

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

Sarah Paul Ocampo

Advanced Beginner, 2008

Still from performance at Phyllis Stein Art
Courtesy Tamala Poljak

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. – *A Sound Performance.* Described as an “indie rock caberet,” *Advanced Beginner* will feature both solo and group performances by artist Sarah Paul Ocampo and her band The All Girl Comb Choir. A four-person orchestra, The All Girl Comb Choir plays everyday objects—combs, cheese graters, flyswatters, and more—while on guitar, Ocampo sings her sometimes deceptively upbeat and deeply personal songs. “Sofia Coppola” and “Pretty Girl” are a few examples of Ocampo’s tracks that examine a woman’s search for identity outside the confines of a relationship; and with lyrics such as “Pretty girl is like a malady/You’ll get sick of her, eventually” her melodies lend themselves to feminist ballads of empowerment.

Ocampo is a Los Angeles-based performance artist, musician, and writer. The visionary behind The All Girl Comb Choir, and a founding member of the literary performance group, The Typing Explosion, Ocampo has performed nationally and abroad, including appearances at the Venice Biennale in 2003. The German record label, Affairs of the Heart represents Ocampo. The All Girl Comb Choir most recently performed at REDCAT, Los Angeles, and continues to perform at clubs and galleries nationally.

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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.sbcacf.org.**