



MEDIA RELEASE

Lorna Brown
CHARACTER: Project for Presentation House

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OPENING RECEPTION, JUNE 5, 2 - 5 PM

Local artist, LORNA BROWN has responded to the history of the Presentation House building in her new photographic installation. Originally built as a school in 1902, Presentation House has been through many renovations and is now designated a "historic building." The artist's research reveals how it has been portrayed as a human "character" in official historical documents as well as the popular press. Comparisons are made with the equally gothic language used to describe the recently demolished Saint Alice Hotel in North Vancouver. Given that the future function of the Presentation House building is presently in question, this work is a timely reflection on public responses to architecture. The installation features photographs of a Resuscitation Annie and incorporates archival material. Always astute in her use of materials and text, LORNA BROWN's subtle intervention in the gallery addresses topical social issues.

LORNA BROWN has been exhibiting since 1985. Her last installation, *Once Removed*, was at the Contemporary Art Gallery and her work has been included in several significant national exhibitions. She is an active member of the Vancouver art community and teaches at Emily Carr College of Art and Design.

The exhibition is generously funded by the Canada Council Exhibition Assistance Program.

Gallery Hours: Wed.- Sun. 12 - 5pm, Thurs. 12 - 9 pm
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