



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Anna Papadimitriou, Firecat Projects Public Relations
Firecat Projects
(773) 342-5381
FirecatProjects@gmail.com

Gil Leora's *In Between Drinks* showing at Firecat Projects in Bucktown



Gil Leora, *Urban American Gothic*,
Polaroid type 79 print, 2006

CHICAGO, IL -- Firecat Projects will be presenting work by photographer Gil Leora on Friday, June 28 from 7-10PM.

Local Chicago photographer and official Windy City Rollers photographer, Gil Leora will be displaying his collection of photographs entitled *In Between Drinks* from Saturday, June 28 until Monday, July 22.

Leora has assembled a collection of candid photographs over a period of 7 years that he will be sharing with the public for the first time. All of the images relay short stories pertaining to Leora's life on the road, after-work hours, or among drinks at dark dive bars. The locations of his subjects vary within the U.S., giving a more diverse range of cultural imagery.

Although there is no set theme, spontaneity is the focal point of each scene in this series of work. "It's about what's in front of you," says Leora. The photographs will be a mixture of polaroid and film, and mostly black and white. Leora's choice to use polaroid and film parallels the idea of his work. "I think shooting with old cameras, you only have one option... you only have one view of what you're looking at."

One of Leora's more coarse images captures a T-shirt that reads, "I love Mormon pussy," taken in Salt Lake City, Utah. "Part of the humor and overall thing with Salt Lake is its pretense. It's so heavily Mormon that you think it's the only thing the city is about, but you're looking at this T-shirt and realizing that there is a lot more to Salt Lake than what is assumed. A lot more."

Leora will also be setting the scene for his show. Viewers can expect to see bar paraphernalia from personal collections, hanging beer signs, and memorabilia from his endeavors through Salt Lake City, Chicago, and other places his work and free time have taken him.

Firecat's doors will open at 7PM with food and hors d'oeuvres provided by Red Door. There will be an option to purchase wine or beer, provided by 3 Floyds Brewing and Red & White Wines Chicago.

Firecat is located at 2124 North Damen, Chicago, IL. For more information, call (773) 342-5381, visit our website at Firecatprojects.org, or email us at FirecatProjects@gmail.com.