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**The Front Presents:
RYAN TRECARTIN & LIZZIE FITCH
December 10, 2011 5pm**

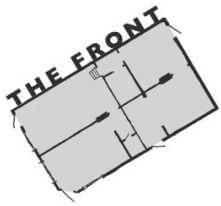
New Orleans, LA:

The Front will host a question and answer style lecture with artists Ryan Trecartin and Lizzie Fitch at 5pm, Dec. 10, 2011, before the St. Claude Arts District's Second Saturday openings. Familiar to longtime Bywater residents as 'the kids who had cool concerts at the "free stuff" house on Mazant St.'; Ryan and Lizzie since then have become stars of the contemporary art world. They will return to Mazant St. on Dec. 10th to share their work and talk about contemporary art today. The event is free and open to the public.

Their video, sculpture and installation work has been featured in some of the most prominent museums and galleries worldwide. Recent exhibitions include:

- **2011/12** MoMA PS1, New York: 19 June–3 September 2011/Museum of Contemporary Art, Miami: 24 June–4 September 2011/Modern Art Museum, Paris: 18 October - 8 January 2012
- **2010** Any Ever, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles/Any Ever, The Power Plant, Toronto, Canada
- **2009** The Generational: Younger than Jesus, the New Museum, New York (group exhibition)

Heralded as the most "of the now" artists of our generation, their work is sometimes referred to as an attack on the senses. Ryan's videos are a fast paced barrage of pop culture parodies. The work is born of the over stimulation we all experience through computers, social networks, and reality TV. People now are "speaking in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd person all at once" Ryan said during an interview on France24.com [<http://www.france24.com/en/20111027-ryan-trecartin-lizzie-fitch-any-ever-musee-d-art-moderne-paris-sempe-petit-nicholas-photography-eve-jackson-en-culture?page=1>], we are interested in how "people are constantly narrating their own story", "editing their



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public and private personas in real time", and how we are all "learning to communicate in that shifting reality" says Lizzie.

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About The Front

The Front is an artist run collective that fosters the development of contemporary art in the city of New Orleans through exhibitions and community-based projects.

The Front members include:

Kyle Bravo, Rachel Avena Brown, Lee Deigaard, Andrea Ferguson, Dave Greber, Rachel Jones, Morgana King, Stephanie Patton, Brooke Pickett, Alex Podesta, Claire Rau, Megan Roniger, Jonathan Traviesa, Ryan Watkins-Hughes

About Ryan Trecartin and Lizzie Fitch

Represented by Elizabeth Dee Gallery, NY, NY

Ryan Trecartin

Born in Webster, TX, 1981

BFA, Rhode Island School of Design, 2004

Lizzie Fitch

Born in Bloomington, IA, 1981

BFA, Rhode Island School of Design, 2004