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HANG TIME: Sagging – The Enduring, Endearing Trend

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Minneapolis, MN - Obsidian Arts presents an overdue visual arts survey of the cultural aesthetic of “sagging” pants. Love it, hate it, unaware of it . . . visual artists, a blogger, and a poet contextualize the society that frames this cultural aesthetic. Participating artists include Arie Perry, Bill Jeter, Nathan Meagher, Peyton Russell, Jacquenette Arnette and poet Joseph Smith Jr. - with contributions from Tom (saggerboys).

Opening Reception: Saturday November, 14, 2009 from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Join us as we open this show for public consumption with a live reception. Meet the artists and ask them about their works. This reception is held in conjunction with Pillsbury House Theatre’s Non English Speaking Spoken Here: The Late Nite Series, curated by Laurie Carlos and co-curated by e.g. bailey. You are encouraged to cap the reception by attending the performance which starts at 10:00 p.m.

Artist/Community Dialogue featuring Poet Joseph Smith is scheduled for January 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

“Youth sporting sagging pants is a current staple of black visual culture as such it merits artistic dialogue,” states Obsidian Arts’ art historian Suzanne Roberts. “This exhibition offers the community an opportunity to consider the subject from all perspectives not just the perspective of adults seeking to scare, shame, and censor youth energy and creativity,” she continues.

Obsidian Arts believes this is the first visual arts exhibition on this subject matter in the nation. Committed to studying the past, future and present of what it terms black visual culture, Obsidian Arts eagerly explores, through the engagement of artists, inter-community conversations that are raging today.

An organization of ideas . . . Obsidian Arts works to support artists, curators, and art historians in the examination of black visual culture. Founded in 2003 Obsidian Arts operates a gallery, black art history library, and artists’ development network. Learn more about Obsidian Arts at www.obsidianarts.org.

Obsidian Arts is library located in South Minneapolis at Pill House, 3501 Chicago Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55407. The gallery Open: Mon–Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Sat 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. No admission fee. Gallery Phone: 612-824-0708.

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