

ARTIST BUILDS SOUND ACTIVATED GOWN  
Garments Reflect Interaction During A 56 Day Performance

(Denver, Colo.) September 15, 2009 – Flobots.org Community Space will host, *56 Days: I'm Still Here*, by internationally exhibited artist Sarah Soriano. This exhibition catalogs 56 days of performance, throughout which Soriano examined the struggle to resist or accept gender roles within the confines of her relationship.

The exhibition reveals intimate portraits of Soriano wearing a sound reactive nightgown. The gown, which will be active on display, reacts to high voice levels by warping the dress. Visitors are welcome to yell at the displayed gown to see its transformation.

"I created the sound reactive gown in order to make visible what someone might feel when arguing with their significant other," says Soriano. "It represents a vulnerable moment when one is on the receiving end."

An additional series of seven large-scale digital photographs show Soriano posed expressionless in a woman's business suit. The portraits show Soriano transforming from a professional woman into a woman struggling to maintain composure as the suit slowly engulfs her over 56 days.

"The suit is similar to the gown in that it accentuates how I internalized every emotion after an interaction with my spouse. Every layer of the suit is a metaphor of how I felt our relationship was doing that day. I continued this for 56 days. The suit quickly became heavy and constrictive as I added more layers."

Sarah Soriano is a candidate for a Master of Fine Art Degree in Electronic Media Arts Design at the University of Denver. Her work has been exhibited in São Paulo, Brazil, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Denver, Colorado.

*56 Days: I'm Still Here* will be on display October 2 -16 at Flobots.org Community Space at 2705 Larimer Street in Denver. An opening reception will be held Friday, October 2 from 6 pm – 9 pm. The exhibition will be open Friday and Saturday, 2 pm - 6 pm or by appointment. Admission is Free. Visit [www.sarahsoriano.com](http://www.sarahsoriano.com) for information.

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