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MY INNER SOLE Zuzka Kurtz



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SLAUGHTERHOUSESPACE

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Artist reception June 27, 2009 5 to 8 pm

Healdsburg, CA, May 10, 2009 – SlaughterhouseSpace, a converted century-old slaughterhouse on the grounds of Duchamp Winery is very proud to present *My Inner Sole*, an installation of sculpture and video by the New York based artist Zuzka Kurtz. After a celebrated international career in art-as-fashion, Zuzka has spent the last two years assembling skeletons and shoes to investigate the story of her family's suffering and survival during the holocaust. The figures that manifested themselves are a combination of ancestors, friends, and relatives, both living and dead. Their skeletal character powerfully conveys their essential, unadorned humanity. And they are clothed, shod, and accessorized in such a way that their personalities come startlingly

to life. Zuzka dressed and re-dressed them, arranged and re-arranged them in a frenzy of activity that she has described as an altered state of mind. Several witnesses in this piece are Zuzka herself. Among them are the skeleton who points to its eyes --the Bleeding Heart, who is sympathetic but can't act -- and The Witness, who can give a first-hand account. If Zuzka is the witness/artist and we are the spectator/audience, then in order to appreciate and understand "My Inner Sole" we must walk into the work and regard ourselves as fellow travelers, each with his or her own point of view and each with his or her own verdict. But we must all wear the shoes.

For SlaughterhouseSpace director Pat Lenz, the public programming in the slaughterhouse is a redemptive act. "This place served as a killing floor for many years," says Lenz, "but now it illuminates the experience of living."

For more information about My Inner Sole or SlaughterhouseSpace, the public should call (707) 431-1514, email info@slaughterhousespace.com, or visit www.slaughterhousespace.com.

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EVENT FACT SHEET

- WHAT:** *My Inner Sole*
An installation of sculpture and video by Zuzka Kurtz
Music by Kristin Nordeval
Book and poster produced by Oriana Reich
Videos by Liz Magic Laser and Steven Kimelman
- WHEN:** *June 27, 2009 –August 15, 2009*
- WHERE:** **SlaughterhouseSpace**
280 Chiquita Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448
- HOURS:** Thursday, Friday, Saturday and by appointment
- ADMISSION:** FREE
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