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***You Can Have It All***  
**July 19-August 5**

**PlaySpace gallery**  
**California College of the Arts**  
**1111 8<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**  
**San Francisco, CA 94107**

**Opening Reception: Wednesday July 20, 6-9 pm**

**Tammy Rae Carland, Lynn Declemente, Lori Gordon,  
Hope Hilton, Virginia Kleker, Megan McCready,  
Ashley Neese, Susan O'Malley, Daniel Purbrick, Kathryn Sclavi**



Susan O'Malley *Please Take One* 2005

Co-curated by the artists. Organized by Lori Gordon and Ashley Neese.

San Francisco – *You Can Have It All* presents works designed for the viewer to take away, which derive from the artists' investment in altruistic acts that create happiness and social engagement. The multiples will be replenished throughout the show, extending the art beyond the gallery setting. The artists' everyday experience translates into the vernacular of these small items, acting as portraits of their situational environments.

Whether hand-crafted or mass-printed, these works rely on personal associations with making and receiving gifts such as **Ashley Neese**'s wall installation of mix-tapes and **Megan McCready**'s bottomless, customized M&Ms reminiscent of her mother's perpetually stocked candy dish. Lynn DeClemente's interlocking portraits offer glimpses of her parents' social personalities. **Lori Gordon**'s screen-prints of love imagery and **Hope Hilton**'s hand-written messages in tiny bottles facilitate communication between strangers. A continuous process of exchange throughout the exhibition is established by **Daniel Purbrick**'s instruction for participants to replace items left on a pedestal. The notion that love is a commodity that needs to be exchanged drives **Virginia Kleker**'s video installations. **Susan O'Malley**'s literature of affirmations distributed to bus guide holders offers a public intervention. **Kathryn Sclavi** considers gift giving as both a selfish and selfless act through diaries recipients complete and return to the artist, the front cover bearing the reciprocal Latin phrase "Do ut Des" or "I Give So That You Give." The new projects created for the artist-led exhibition address the value of giving everything away, of rewarding others, of taking from strangers, of leaving notes and objects to be found. *You Can Have It All* correlate with a significant history of the generation and circulation of crafts, editions, and 'zines in the Bay Area.



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*Hours and Location:*

PlaySpace gallery hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays through Saturdays, 12-6 pm

PlaySpace is located at 1111 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Irwin and Hooper in San Francisco. The gallery is located above A2 Café on the second floor of the main building on the San Francisco campus.

For directions to the California College of the Arts' San Francisco Campus:

<http://www.cca.edu/about/directions.php>

*About PlaySpace:*

PlaySpace, the CCA graduate gallery, is a student-run experimental space. It aims to foster an environment that generates dialogue, artistic growth, and artistic opportunities for CCA members, surrounding communities, and beyond.