

Mana Contemporary Presents

**Speak Up:  
The Truth Booth  
is coming to Mana Contemporary**

**Friday, June 17 & Saturday, June 18  
12PM–6PM**



Image: Courtesy of the Cause Collective

JERSEY CITY, NJ, June 3, 2016—Ahead of the presidential election, an inflatable video confessional is visiting all 50 states to gather real voices in real time. Following an installation by the Public Art Fund in Downtown Brooklyn, *In Search of the Truth (The Truth Booth)* will arrive at Mana Contemporary's Jersey City campus for two days, June 17 and 18, 2016.

*The Truth Booth* beckons people of all ages from all walks of life to enter a 14-foot-tall by 23-foot-wide inflatable speech bubble and share their version of the truth. Prompted to complete the statement "The truth is..." while looking into a camera, the public's two-minute responses are being recorded and compiled as part of an ongoing global exhibition.

*In Search of the Truth (The Truth Booth)* is a collaboration by artists Ryan Alexiev, Jim Ricks, William Sylvester and Hank Willis Thomas of the Cause Collective. To date, the project has been presented in cities around the world, from Cape Town, South Africa, and Bamiyan, Afghanistan, to Galway, Ireland, and Cleveland, Ohio.

#### **Visitor Information**

Mana Contemporary is approximately 15 minutes by car from the Holland Tunnel, or a 10-minute walk from the PATH train at Journal Square. For more detailed directions, please visit [manacontemporary.com/visit/](http://manacontemporary.com/visit/)

#### **About The Truth Booth**

*The Truth Booth* is a travelling, portable video booth in the shape of a cartoon speech bubble. It houses a photobooth-like interior that collects two-minute video responses by the public as they finish the statement “The truth is...” The project, which was founded by the Cause Collective in 2011, has previously travelled to Ireland, Afghanistan, South Africa, and parts of the U.S. The project has collected over 2,000 statements ranging

from, “The truth is Legos” to “The truth is I’m proud to be Afghan,” to “The truth is I’m a tomboy and I hate pink and I hate princesses.” For more information, please visit [insearchofthetruth.net](http://insearchofthetruth.net).

#### **About Mana Contemporary**

Founded in 2011, Mana Contemporary is a leading arts destination dedicated to celebrating the creative process. Headquartered in a former tobacco warehouse in Jersey City, Mana unites artists’ studios, exhibition spaces, and ancillary services in a single location, facilitating conversation and collaboration among its burgeoning creative community. Together with its sister campuses in Chicago and Miami, Mana serves as a lively center for all members of the art world. Mana Contemporary is home to the Richard Meier Model Museum, Ayn Foundation, the International Center of Photography, The Florence Academy of Art, Gary Lichtenstein Editions, Eileen S. Kaminsky Family Foundation, Armitage Gone! Dance, Keating Foundry, Shen Wei Dance Arts, Mana Urban Arts Project, and many others. For additional information, please visit [manacontemporary.com](http://manacontemporary.com).

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