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August 9, 2012 - August 12, 2012

Opening Reception on August 9th 6:30-9:00pm

Promenade Gallery 943 B Lakeshore Road East, Mississauga



Image courtesy: Asma Mahmood

Image and identity is an exploration of the ways in which we form our public identity through self-representation that in turn defines our ethnicity. This exhibition presents images that initiate a dialogue between the particular ability of the art of photography to narrate a story and capture the essence of an image that portrays beliefs and feelings of the subject and its surroundings.

Curators **Ali Adil Khan and Asma Arshad Mahmood** take their cue from **Steve McCurry**, an American photojournalist best known for his photograph, "Afghan Girl" that originally appeared in the National Geographic magazine. After his graduation in 1975, McCurry left for India, as a freelance photographer, where he learned to watch and wait on life. Soon after, disguised in a *Shalwar Khameez* (native dress), he crossed the Pakistan border into rebel-controlled Afghanistan just before the Russian invasion.

When he emerged, he had rolls of film sewn into his clothes. Those images were among the first to show the impending conflict, and later won him the Robert Capa Gold Medal for Best Photographic Reporting from Abroad. It is ironic that while McCurry's portrait "Afghan Girl", taken in a refugee camp near Peshawar, Pakistan, became "the most recognized photograph" in the history of the National Geographic magazine, the identity of the "Afghan Girl" remained unknown for over 17 years until McCurry and a National Geographic team located her in 2002. Her name is Sharbat Gula.

Participating artists:

Sylvat Aziz (Kingston), **Akshay Batra** (Mississauga), **Azhar Sheikh** (Lahore), **Fozia Baloch** (Mississauga), **Kumkum Ramchandani**(Mississauga), **Asif Raza** (Mississauga), **Asif Rehman** (Ottawa), **Amin Rehman** (Toronto), **Aliya Yousuf** (Karachi), **Anupama Vittal** (Mississauga), **Panchal Mansaram** (Burlington), **Vishal Misra** (Mississauga), **Naureen Shah** (Toronto) and **Sharmi Trivedi** (Mississauga) use their photographs to assert discovered or undiscovered identities.

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- 1. A session at a high-end spa
- 2. A scrapbook with photographs from your childhood together
- 3. Her honeymoon in Jamaica
- 4. A \$250 toaster with a pull-out crumb tray, and enamel baking pan

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