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GREETINGS FROM THAILAND 2005

TO CONTINUE IS THE POWER
MAY 1 - 31ST 2006

**FEATURING PHOTOGRAPHS BY MAGGIE MCADOREY AND LISA SANTONATO
CURATED BY LISA SANTONATO**

A winter vacation coincided with one of the largest natural disasters in recent history. An unplanned detour led two women to Thailand's Koh Phi Phi, an island where more than 25% of its population and 70% of businesses were washed away with the tsunami of December 26th, 2004. Images in this exhibit juxtapose Thailand's serene beauty with the eerie stillness of a destroyed tourist haven that is slowly being transformed by an influx of international volunteers. Inspired by the **2006 CONTACT Toronto Photography Festival** theme *Imaging a Global Culture*, the **Greetings From Thailand 2005** exhibition offers a glimpse into fragile human connections and landscapes in transformation. Proceeds donated to the grass-roots aid organization, Hi Phi Phi International.

OPENING EVENT:

May 4th 6 – 9 pm

Savoury Grounds

481 Queen Street East, Toronto M5A 1T9

T: 416 915 8427

Hours: Mon – Fri 7am – 5pm, Sat 8am – 5pm, Sun closed.

Custom framing provided by: Larson-Juhl

Image editing by: Jason Michael Photography

Thai food generously provided by: Buppha Thai Restaurant and Pi Tom Thai Cuisine

Fresh flowers designed by: Louise Welbourn

Featuring: Big Rude Jake performing solo on ragtime guitar

FUNDRAISING AFTER-PARTY AND SILENT AUCTION:

May 4th 9 pm, \$5 donation at the door

Corktown Lounge, Dominion on Queen

500 Queen Street East, Toronto M5A 1T7

Featuring: Toronto's legendary Big Rude Jake Jazz Quartet

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The Greetings From Thailand 2005 exhibition is a fundraising project organized and curated by Lisa Santonato and FTP Media Inc. Presented as part of the 2006 CONTACT Toronto Photography Festival May 1 – 31st 2006.

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