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## **Annie Sprinkle and Elizabeth Stephen Exhibit Their Love at the San Jose ICA**

**March 28, 2008, SAN JOSE, Calif** – The San Jose ICA and artists Elizabeth Stephens and Annie Sprinkle invite you to co-create their “Green Wedding #4” that will take place on May 17 at 2:30 at the Shakespeare Glen, UC Santa Cruz. The *Love Art Laboratory Sewing Bee* on April 5, from 2-4 p.m. at ICA gallery will allow an opportunity for visitors to contribute to their wedding production. Part bridal shower and part sewing bee, visitors can help sew the artists’ veils while sharing stories of love and relationships. In addition to these programs, the artists will display the costumes, ephemera and video documentation from their first three weddings as part of the exhibition, *This Show Needs You*.

Community participation is an essential part of the larger theme of *This Show Needs You*. The exhibition examines art as social exchange with workshops, installations, and performance art by 11 artists. Each piece is dependent on the willingness of audiences to co-author its production. This exhibition is also presented in conjunction with UCSC’s conference, *Intervene! Interrupt! Rethinking Art as Social Practice* from May 15-17.

Internationally known “post-porn” performance artist Annie Sprinkle and inter-media artist Elizabeth Stephens are the *Love Art Laboratory*. As collaborators and lovers, they are dedicated to exploring to love as art as a response to the violence of war, the intolerance of the anti-gay rights movement, and the excessive greed and fear in our culture. A seven-year project, now in its fourth year, the artists co-create a big performance art wedding with friends, families, artists and various communities each year.

For more information and a complete timeline of events, please visit:  
[www.sjica.org](http://www.sjica.org) or contact Susan O’Malley at (408) 283-8155.

For photos of Sprinkle’s and Stephen’s work, go to: <http://loveartlab.org/press-gallery.php>  
The artists are also available to interview at (831) 338-6079.

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