

# DOWNTOWN

## Chinatown Restaurants serve General's Chinese Take Out exhibit

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Brooklyn based artist, Jason Bailer Losh's interactive project entitled, *Chinese Take Out* in Chinatown is a creative cultural experience between customer and owner.

Presented by Art in General until July 2, the New Commissions project will be on display at Art in General's Storefront Gallery and seven local Chinese restaurants.

The project is a collaboration between Mr. Losh and ten artists he chose to explore nostalgia, home and cultural memory to persons outside of this world.

*Chinese Take Out* is experienced in two parts. The first is gallery show at Art in General on 79 Walker Street. The gallery show exhibits personal artifacts the seven chosen restaurants consider representative of "home." In exchange, the ten artists chosen by Mr. Losh created commissioned artwork created specifically for a particular restaurant.

The second is aided by a website where participants chart their course through Chinatown with an interactive map as part of the exhibition.

"The swap aims to allow art lovers, armed with maps, to burrow deeper into a neighborhood that is culturally rich yet seemingly insular" artist Jason Bailer Losh told the *Wall Street Journal*.

The project aims to bring make art lovers and restaurant owners aware of the culture surrounding their neighborhood.

“You’ll see a lot of objects that are fairly cliché and represent things that you’d probably see in a Chinese restaurant all the time, and you may ask yourself, ‘Why are we showing them in the gallery space?’ It’s because they’re culturally relevant and they have a significance to the locations and they mean something to those locations,” says Losh, “It could be about feng shui, it could be about bringing prosperity to their businesses, and as an average viewer and attendee of these restaurants, we just walk by. We see things and we don’t pay attention to it.”

**Participating Artists and Restaurants include:**

**Martin Basher** – 88 Palace, 88 East Broadway (2nd floor)

**Lucas Blalock** – Old Shanghai Deluxe, 50 Mott Street

**Nicholas Brooks** – East Market Restaurant, 75 East Broadway

**Sarah Chacich** – Sanur, 18 Doyers Street

**Vincent Como** - Excellent Pork Chop House Inc., 3 Doyers Street

**Rory Donaldson** -Full House Café, 97 Bowery

**Nick Kramer** – East Seafood Restaurant, 17 Division Street

**Ted Riederer** – 88 Palace, 88 East Broadway (2nd floor)

**Thuridur Ros Sigrythorsdottir** – East Market Restaurant, 75 East Broadway

**Ryan Sullivan** - East Market Restaurant, 75 East Broadway

*Jason Bailer Losh is a graduate of Columbia University, Central Academy of Fine Arts, studied in Beijing, China and has showcased ten exhibitions in New York City.*

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