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## War Forum

**WHAT:** A group exhibition of work by 24 artists and 8 poets, both male and female. Art juried by Maureen Burdock and poetry juried by Cynthia Green.

In this show, artists from across the U.S, South Africa and Israel explore the subject of war using photography, digital prints, drawing, painting and poetry. These works deal with the destruction and trauma of WWII and the treatment of Jews, the Vietnam War, the war in Iraq and the horrors of 9/11. Each artist views the topic of war from different angles. While some aim to raise consciousness about responsibility in war, others raise questions about the innocent, war in entertainment, war toys, desensitization, and our ability to find hope.



Games, Cibachrome diptych, 26" x 40" – Juanita Richeson

### Artist Statement

As my son was growing up and I matured as an artist, I photographed him often. He is my only child and for many years I was a single mother. He was always hyper-masculine and we have often been at odds. Both of these diptychs were emotional extensions of my attempts to understand men and their actions. At the beginning of this year, I put these together and began to show them. In the spring my son joined the Army and will most likely be sent to Iraq or Afghanistan soon. We are reconciled by the distance.

– Juanita Richeson

Work from this exhibition can be viewed one week prior to the opening date online at [www.womanmade.org/groupshows.html](http://www.womanmade.org/groupshows.html)

**WHEN:** Jan 23 – Feb 19, 2004  
Opening reception: Friday, January 23, 6 – 9 p.m.  
Gallery Hours: Wednesday – Friday 12 – 7 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 12 – 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Woman Made Gallery, 2418 W. Bloomingdale, Chicago  
(Two blocks north of North Avenue, ½ block West of Western)

**HOW MUCH:** Free and open to the public

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