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**ALANA RILEY**  
Motivation (The Actors)

September 27<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

Video

**Opening:**  
Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 4pm – 6pm



Alana Riley, Motivation (The Actors), 2012

« Motivation (The Actors) is a close-up examination of the physical and psychological demands of the actor at work. It is a series of video portraits of aspiring actors performing for the camera. Their task was to play the role of an applauding audience member, including the emotional portrayal of that gesture, for as long as they could sustain it. »

Text by the artist

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**Biography**

Alana Riley is a photographer and video artist based out of Montreal and currently living in Los Angeles, where she is completing her Master of Fine Arts at the University of Southern California.

Riley's work has been exhibited in solo and group shows in Canada, the United States, Europe and China.

In Canada, her work has been exhibited at Rimouski Regional Museum (2010), at Baie-St-Paul Contemporary Art Museum (2008) and at Joyce Yahouda Gallery (Montreal, 2007, 2009 and 2010). In October 2014, her work will be presented as part of a group exhibition at the Elora Centre for the Arts (Elora, Ontario)

Alana Riley has participated in numerous international exhibitions, notably at 511 Gallery (Lake Placid and New York, 2009), the Crawford Art Gallery (Ireland, 2011), at the National Sculpture Factory (Cork, Ireland 2009) and at the event, Contemporary Art Montreal, in Shanghai (2010). In 2012, Riley will be participating in a residency and exhibition at Opecta (Cologne, Germany).

In 2010, Alana Riley was nominated as a finalist of the Emerging Photographers of Canada 2010, by the Magenta Foundation. The same year, she was awarded the Pierre-Ayot Prize.

Alana Riley is represented by Joyce Yahouda Gallery.

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Horaire de la Galerie : jeudi-samedi de 12h à 17 h et sur rendez-vous / Heures de bureau : mardi-samedi de 10h30 à 18h