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Mixed Doubles

Art show tackles mixed-race identity.
 By Rachel Swan

Front Gallery is hosting a show that might not have been out of place in a racial profiling pseudoscientific exhibit – which is in large part its power. The photographs by Ben Sloat and Steve Aishman are mid- to wall-size C-prints, oversize close-ups of the faces of people who are **half-Asian**. There is, of course, a wide range of what half-Asian looks like, but by naming the exhibit thus, the artists prompt the viewer to search for phenotypic groupings, only to be startled out of such an examination and into self-conscious discomfort. This is especially true of "Digital Bodisafa," a series of photos with crude outlines tracing the noses, lips, brows, skulls, shoulders, and eyes of their subjects. These markings mirror the work of 19th-century institutional taxonomies in which authorities "scientifically" used photography to determine the criminal or degenerate potential of individuals. Sloat and Aishman's mimicry of such dated procedures demonstrate how they linger into the present. (At 35 Grand Ave., Oakland, through March 27; FrontGalleryOakland.com or 510-444-1900.)



Half Asian #17 by Ben Sloat and Steve Aishman

Date/Time: Daily from Fri., February 2 until Tue., March 27, Daily from Fri., February 2 until Wed., December 31

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Front Gallery [Map]
 35 Grand Ave.
 Oakland, CA 94612
 510-444-1900
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