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**Be Gay, Merry, and Smile, A Solo Show by Jason Manley**

**November 29th– December 7th, 2008**

**Reception: Saturday, November 29th, 8 – 11 PM**

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Jason Manley’s installation, “Be Gay, Merry, and Smile,” will be viewable on the gallery’s front exterior wall. The piece engages pedestrians and passersby while merging with the urban landscape. Three commercial-like signs light up with the phrase— “Be Gay, Merry, Smile”. Responding to prop 8’s denial of same sex marriage, two signs reading “be Gay” and “Merry” are connected together while the “Smile” sign is positioned apart and deliberately smashed in. The installation explores politics and language within the public realm.

