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RYAN LEE is pleased to present “RAIDERS,” Stephanie Syjuco’s first gallery exhibition in New York. On view in Gallery 2 is a collection of vessels— digitally printed on archival photo paper, scaled to actual size and mounted on laser-cut wood— that has been culled from the public online database of the prominent Asian Art Museum of San Francisco. Investigating the idea of cultural appropriation and the Internet’s role in its dissemination, Syjuco re-contextualizes these objects through the lens of cultural capital. In addition, the series functions as a means to explore her Filipino heritage and its relationship with other Asian cultures in a social context. Including mostly Chinese vases, Syjuco references the common assumption that, because of her race, she has knowledge of these objects. The title of the series, “RAIDERS: International Booty, Bountiful Harvest (Selections from the Collection of the A____ A__ M____),” touches on notions of archeological raids and popular culture, such as Indiana Jones and Raiders of the Lost Arc, as well as 21st-century piracy as it pertains to issues of the cultural acquisition of historically significant objects.

Stephanie Syjuco received her BFA from San Francisco Art Institute, CA in 1995 and her MFA from Stanford University, CA in 2005, where she is currently a visiting faculty member. She was born in Manila, Philippines in 1974 and currently lives and works in San Francisco, CA. She has been included in notable museum exhibitions including: Berkeley Art Museum, CA; The Columbus Museum of Art, OH; The Contemporary Museum Honolulu, HI; Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA; Mills College Art Museum, Oakland, CA; Museum of Fine Arts Houston, TX; The New Museum, New York, NY; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, CA; San Jose Museum of Art, CA; University California of San Francisco, CA; Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY. In 2009, she was commissioned by Frieze London for a project, for which she created “Copystand: An Autonomous Manufacturing Zone.”

Stephanie Syjuco: RAIDERS

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Public Reception: May 30, 6-8pm

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