Press Release

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For Immediate Release:

PUBLIC MEDIA INSTITUTE & CO-PROSPERITY CATSKILL
PRESENT:

Diana Solís Photographs

ON VIEW AT CO-PROSPERITY CATSKILL
391 MAIN STREET, CATSKILL, NY
6/11-7/24/2023

Opening Reception and Performance Night
June 11, 2023 6:00-9:00PM

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391 Main Street, Catskill, NY
Sunday, June 11th, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

CATSKILL, NEW YORK (June 9th, 2023 - July 24th, 2023) — Public Media Institute and Co-Prosperity Catskill is excited to present a solo exhibition of photographs from Chicago-based artist and recent US Latinx Art Forum Award recipient: Diana Solís. The exhibition will also be on-view during Upstate Art Weekend and NADA fair.

This exhibit presents iconic images by Diana Solís (b. 1956) who began photographing as a teen while growing up in a predominantly Mexican community of Chicago called Pilsen. Working as a photojournalist in the 1980s-90s, Solís also documented the queer and Mexican
communities they inhabited. They paused in 1990 and returned to photography in 2020 and since then they have been reflecting the people and the places that have shaped them. The exhibit includes historic photographs, new digital work, as well as ephemera and articles.

To see more work by Diana Solís, visit the Leslie Lohman Museum: *Images on Which to Build: 1970s-1990s*, curated by Ariel Goldberg, on view in NYC through July 30.

**Performance Night:**

*Necessary Excess; a night of queer/fem performance*
Performing Artists: The Laurens, André Azevedo, Ále Campos (AKA Celeste), Catskill Cops
$15 Suggest Donation

Co-Prosperity Catskill // 391 S. Main St. // 6-9PM

**About the Artist:** Diana Solis (b 1956, Mexico) is a Chicago-based visual artist, photographer, and educator who has documented queer Latinx activism and daily life for almost 5 decades. She studied studio and experimental photography and worked as a photojournalist for 25 years, occasionally halted by recurring breast cancer. She photographed poets including Sandra Cisneros, many consecutive years of Chicago and Mexico Pride marches, IV Encuentro Feminista de América Latina y el Caribe, early years at Latino Youth, marches and demonstrations, Chicago women’s rugby and women’s marathons, women’s bars, feminist gatherings, Chicano theater, and her neighborhood of Pilsen. She has been a teaching artist, a painter and illustrator and photographer for over 40 years and currently resides in Pilsen.

[https://www.dianasolis.com](https://www.dianasolis.com)

**About Public Media Institute & Co-Prosperity Catskill**

Public Media Institute (PMI) is a non-profit 501(c) 3, community-based art & culture organization headquartered in the neighborhood of Bridgeport in the city of Chicago. Our mission is to create, incubate, and sustain innovative cultural programming through the production of socially engaged projects, festivals, community spaces, exhibitions, and media. PMI showcases emerging and established artists from Chicago and around the world in our network of art spaces and partner organizations.

Co-Prosperity Catskill is a nonprofit gallery founded in Spring 2021 as a satellite space for Public Media Institute, whose primary activities take place in Chicago, IL. Since then the space has welcomed artists from upstate, the midwest and beyond in an effort to promote exchange and amplification of emerging and mid-career artists. Past exhibitions and residencies included artists Jeffery Gibson’s studio, Brandon Alvendia, Victoria Martinez, and Sofia Cordova, with upcoming shows from Jen Delos Reyes and Nicole Marroquin.