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artist statement

This image is part of a catalogue indexing how a small community exhibits, records and experiences history; the community is Mamaroneck, New York, a village on Long Island Sound, founded by Jonathan Richbell at the onset of the colony charter boom of the 1660s. The project includes a wide scope of "facts" interpreted as history and gives minor events a greater degree of historic weight. This image is of a false-front stage, which has been used for the commencement activities at the local high school. The stage is an exhibition space for a ceremony, thus a gesture of presentation, praise and commemoration.

biography

David La Spina was born in Cincinnati, OH in 1981. After graduating from the arts-friendly Wyoming High School in 1999, he attended the Rochester Institute of Technology, graduating in 2006. Since 2003 he has worked as an archivist at the architectural photography firm Esto in Mamaroneck, NY. David will be enrolled in the MFA photography program at Yale University in the fall of 2007.