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**I always believed in tomorrow.
I'll always believe in tomorrow.
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MFA Thesis Exhibition by
Mike Treffehn

April 1st-4th, 2009
Hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 11AM – 6PM
Reception: Friday, April 3rd, 6–8PM

Temple Gallery
2001 N. 13th Street
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Tyler School of Art is pleased to announce an exhibition of new video, sculpture, and prints by Mike Treffehn at the Temple Gallery. The exhibition will run from April 1st to 4th, 2009, with a reception on Friday the 3rd, from 6-8PM.

In this exhibition, Treffehn explores the mechanisms of the production and transmission of histories and narratives, asking questions about how we come to accept something as true. At the core of this interrogation is a small village in rural Michigan, where his grandparents emigrated after World War II. Using a combination of archival information about the village's founding, his familial background there, and his own recent trip to explore it firsthand, he creates and presents a new history that confronts the viewer with its own making. The title of the exhibition, for example, comes from the title of a locally-produced musical made to celebrate the village's history on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; yet, through error or inaccuracy, Treffehn found it printed in three different variations. The poetics of mishaps in communication, and the opportunity these allow for a reexamination of how communication works at all, are the foundation upon which Treffehn's new work builds.

Mike Treffehn will receive his MFA from Tyler School of Art / Temple University in the summer of 2009. He has shown his work at FLUXspace, Rebekah Templeton Contemporary Art, and Vox Populi in Philadelphia, as well as the Harrison Center for the Arts in Indianapolis, and FAB Gallery in Richmond, VA, and will also be participating in an upcoming video-based show at the Slought Foundation in West Philadelphia.