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No New Info

## **Allstate**

**Lauren Elder, Brian Khek, André Lenox, Evan Lenox, Micah Schippa,  
ft. Drew Olivo**

**Curated by Nick Lalla**

**June 15th – July 13th 2012**

**Gallery hours: Thursday and Friday 11-3**

***Opening Reception: Friday June 15, 2012 6-9 p.m.***

Robert Bills Contemporary is pleased to announce the opening of the exhibition "Allstate" from the collective No New Info. The works in this show explore a new kind of citizenship — a transitory role of political actor, responsible consumer, network user, cultural producer, and active global-capitalist "prosumer." While there is a critical element at play, these works reveal an ambivalence in their politics, navigating the aesthetics of corporate globalization within an art historical dialogue.

The artists interrogate the familiarity and endemicity of a branded image through an oblique collection of sculpture, print, and site-specific works. Show attendees become patrons, participants, and part of an unstable brand personality. Contemporary branding gurus call this controlled community-cum-retail experience the "third space"; No New Info calls it "Allstate."

No New Info is composed of five young Chicago artists operating as a collection of individuals. Allstate features Drew Olivo as a contributor to the collaborative group.

The members of No New Info all received BFAs from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. No New Info recently exhibited at Courtney Blades gallery (Chicago), and participated in *ARTBOOK @ MoMA PS1 Presents Paradam*. NNI member Lauren Elder has exhibited at Kusthalle New (Chicago) and New Gallery (London). Brian Khek has exhibited at Extra Extra Gallery (Philadelphia), 12 Mail (Paris, FR), and most recently at Prairie Productions (Chicago); he also organized BYOB at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago. André and Evan Lenox have exhibited at Monument 2 Gallery (Chicago), Kunsthalle New (Chicago), and Extra Extra Gallery (Philadelphia). Micah Schippa has shown at Roots and Culture (Chicago), Monument 2 Gallery (Chicago), and Gentelli Apri (Berlin, DE). Drew Olivo has exhibited at Courtney Blades Gallery (Chicago) and Bodega (Philadelphia).

Robert Bills Contemporary is dedicated to finding and introducing artists in all media whose work embodies well-executed conceptual depth. The gallery is located in Chicago's West Loop at 222 North Desplaines Street at Lake on the lower level. For general inquiries please contact the Gallery Director, Hannah Klemm, at [hannah@robertbillscontemporary.com](mailto:hannah@robertbillscontemporary.com) or call 312.234.9091.