



Mission Cultural Center for the Latino Arts 2868 Mission Street, San Francisco CA 94110  
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Bay Area STOPMAX presents

# UNLOCK THE BOX

DOCUMENTING THE STRUGGLE TO SHUT DOWN PRISON CONTROL UNITS

Thursday, May 21st 2009

Bed, pillow, two sheets, one blanket. (Night light on 24 hours!)  
Desk, steel and radio. (Nothing allowed to hang on walls!)  
(one) → Cardboard box containing "all" books, papers, clothing and cosmetics.

6pm Food, Performance & Speakers - 7pm Movie Screening | \$5

## PROGRAM 6PM

### *The Name Says it All* (speaker: Julie)

Control units, as part of the greater criminal injustice system, are used as a way to control certain populations. Working with the Maoist Prison Ministry, Julie has helped coordinate the longest running political education program for prisoners in the united states.

### *Survivor* (speaker: Father Dom)

A recent survivor of over 6 years in various Security Housing Units across California, Dom will share personal stories of the effects of long-term isolation on human beings.

### *Control Units beyond Super Max* (speaker: Tommy Escarcega)

While never being put in a "Super Maximun Security Prison", Tommy's experience in California women's prisons speaks to the use of long-term isolation far beyond the supermax prisons.

### *Sensible Housing Unit: AIR*

The Counter Narrative Society will present this touring performance project that merges irony, facts and audience participation to act, reveal and respond to the effects of prison control units.

Throughout the evening we will have food and drinks, visual art by prisoners and info tables from Bay Area groups providing multitude of ways to get Involved.

**Bay Area STOPMAX** is a collaborative group of prison activists and organizations working together with the national STOPMAX campaign to build public opinion around the idea that "solitary confinement" is a method of torture, with the goal of ending its use from the county jails to the super maximum security prisons within the U.S. to the military prisons around the world.

## 7PM

### ***UNLOCK THE BOX***

is a movie documenting the struggle to put an end to long-term isolation in U.Ş. prisons that has been waged by prisoners and activists for decades. Starting from the premise that long-term isolation is a form of torture that serves no purpose except the state's oppressive aims at social control, Unlock the Box documents the many forms of struggle that this movement has taken over the years.

<http://www.abolishcontrolunits.org/movie>

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