



Fine Arts

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Jenkins Johnson Gallery Sadie Barnette: FROM HERE The mixed media works and photographs in Barnette's latest show emerged from Compland, an imaginary amalgam of her hometown of Oakland and the Compton, California of her youth. Interested in family histories, the construction of identity, cultural coding and the social activism of her father, Rodney Barnette, a Vietnam vet who fought against discrimination in the military, founded the Compton chapter of the Black Panthers and opened the first black-owned

gay bar in San Francisco, she has a rich inheritance to draw on. "I am the Oakland 80s baby of the radical and armed movement of love, the interracial, outer-spatial, and of disco idealism," she writes. Pieces spawned by a 500-page FBI surveillance file on her father, who was part of Angela Davis' coterie, are also in the show. (Sept. 15-Oct. 29) jenkinsjohnsongallery.com