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Jill Frank

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Chicago artist **Jill Frank** reinterprets the iconic image of Mary and Baby Jesus in *Mother and Child #1* (right) one of a new series of photographs that presents unique perspectives on significant moments in history. The rich color photographs are hung in simple frames to evoke the feel of a family's living room, alongside her earlier series, *Psychodrama*, that shares awkward and painful personal memories people may wish to forget.

Mother and Child #1 shows a hooded mother figure holding an infant in front of a foreboding shed that is also symbolic of Christ's manger scene. For this series, Frank recreates scenes from the Bible and religious artworks, including a contemporary interpretation of Michelangelo's fresco on the Sistine Chapel ceiling, depicting God as an African American.



The *Psychodrama* series investigates more personal and private histories. This series illustrates traumatic and embarrassing events and memories that the photo subjects have repressed, including a boy with a bloody nose; a woman suffering a near electrocution; and a young man reliving a childhood incident in which he nearly drowned.

Jill Frank leads a free gallery talk about her exhibit on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at 6:30 pm.