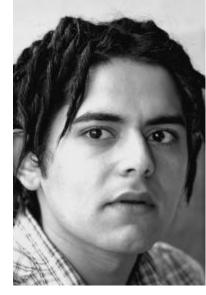
HARJANT SINGH GILL



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When I first sat down to talk with 20 year-old Harjant Gill, I could tell that he had a great deal of passion and a zest for life. He was confident, yet not arrogant, and was always quick with a smile.

Harjant was born in Chandigar, India and moved with his family to San Jose, California when he 15 years-old. He is currently a student at San Francisco State University, studying Cultural Anthropology and Cinema. His goal is to become a Visual Anthropologist and make documentaries on the human condition. One project he has in mind is making a film on the gay community from an activist standpoint. He also works in the cafe and music department at Borders Books to support himself and his ever growing collection of compact discs. Although he shies away from the term artist, he has worked on a project called "possible SIDE EFFECTS may include", a collaborative installation

piece, commissioned by CO-LAB, about the relationship between big business, government and media.

Harjant came out to his friends and family when he was 16. His mother hoped it was only a phase and felt that it was something he had learned from his new American friends. It took his parents at least a year to come to terms with him being gay and now prefer to just not talk about it. In high school he experienced at great deal of harassment for being gay, but used those experiences to strengthen his resolve.

