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#### **ABSTRACT**

Mixed Greens is a web-based artwork that uses interactivity to tell a story of the complexities of identity. It will be a mixed genre piece using documentary, fiction, sound, and text. Mixed Greens interweaves two identity stories: of my paternal grandfather and his brothers who, as Irish Jews, lived in a "gray area" between Catholics and Protestants, and later negotiated a different set of identity issues as immigrants in Boston; and that of five lesbians, who live at a contemporary edge of assimilation and

Difference. Mixed Greens is the third piece in what will eventually be a five-piece/fivecoursed meal that I call Queer Feast: a mosaic of contemporary lesbian culture played out through its contradictions of class, ethnicity, desire, and the banality of dailydexistence. The five pieces/courses consist of: Cocktails & Appetizers (2001), a tale of lust and love, voyeurism and the performance of gender; Mixed Greens, a meditation ond identity and assimilation; Bread and Butter, a non-linear "memoir" of the twenty-fourdyear relationship of me and my partner; The Main Dish, a social, historical, and political narrative of lesbian culture; and As American As Apple Pie (1999), occupying the spaced between melodrama and sitcom, a tale of lesbian family life. This feast crosses manydeborders - documentary/fiction/melodrama/comedy, memoir/history/myth,dethnicity/race/class - bringing complexity to the media representation of lesbian life anddeculture. It also uses interactivity to explore the paradoxes of narrative itself. I will used the Rockefeller New Media Fellowship to create Mixed Greens as well as the Queerd Feast web site.

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