

# Louis B. James

Ann Liv Young: *Sherry is Present*  
Featuring *A Very Sherry Christmas* Performances



December 5, 2011 – January 7, 2012  
Opening Reception: December 7, 6-8PM  
Full performance schedule below

Louis B. James is pleased to present Ann Liv Young's first gallery solo exhibition. The show will function as a mid-career retrospective of the artist's work as Sherry, touching on the major performances, controversies, and triumphs of her tumultuous existence.

Sherry emerged on the scene in 2006, borne out of Young's desire to create an economically sustainable performance model that "always succeeds." Weaving within and around Young's formal, choreographed spectacles, Sherry engages directly with audience members around issues of sexuality, psychology, art making and performance. She is confrontationally honest, defiant of expectation, and revelatory in her deft handling of the desires of both individuals and crowds.

*Sherry is Present* will feature vignettes from Sherry's history, including performance relics, video clips, and a selection of the critical corpus surrounding her work. As such Sherry, already an institution, enters the canon of the history of performance art. Also on view will be a recorded session of Sherapy® between Sherry and Young and a roped-off replica of Sherry's sitting room. The gallery's basement will function as Sherry's Christmas bazaar and gift shop, Sherapy® space, and video lounge.

Above all, Sherry will be present, offering Sherapy® sessions for individuals and couples (with complimentary DVD), photographs with Sherry in her sitting room, handmade sculptures, Sherry calendars, Sherry DVDs, Sherry t-shirts, Sherry tote bags, glittering pink popcorn, purple lattes, masturbation workshops, arts and crafts sessions, lectures on coping with holiday stress, and much more. A full schedule of events follows; for tickets to ticketed events please email [info@louisbjames.com](mailto:info@louisbjames.com) or call (212) 533 4670. Space is limited.

Louis B. James was founded in 2011 by David Fierman and RJ Supa. The gallery is located at 143B Orchard St, New York. For *Sherry is Present* the gallery will be open Tuesday – Sunday, 11-6PM. The gallery will be closed from December 24- January 2.

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## *A Very Sherry Christmas* Performance and Event Schedule

**ONGOING:** Sherapy® for couples and individuals available Tuesdays (walk-in or appointment) 1-5PM, Saturdays 12-6 (by appointment only), **\$50/individual session; \$75/couples session, DVD of session included**

**December 5 - 7, hours vary:** Open For Installation, Louis B. James gallery directors and Sherry curate and install *Sherry is Present*

**Wednesday, December 7, 6-9PM:** Opening Reception, hosted by Sherry, **FREE**

**Thursday, December 8, 7-9PM:** Holiday masturbation workshop for women, **\$25 with free audiotape**

**Sunday, December 11, 11AM-6PM:** Arts and Crafts, hosted by Sherry, **FREE**  
Create holiday ornaments to take home or for use at our Tree Trimming event!

**Friday, December 16:** Coping With Christmas Stress, lecture and performance by Sherry, 7PM, **\$25**

**Sunday, December 18, 11AM-4PM:** Tree Trimming, hosted by Sherry. Trim the tree and then trim your bush, **FREE.**

**Thursday, December 22, 7PM:** Sherry's Christmas Show, lecture and performance by Sherry, **\$25**

**Saturday, January 7, 7PM:** Sherry's Post-Christmas Counseling and Gift Exchange, **\$25**

Followed by closing Sherr-aoke party, location TBA

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