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LISA JACK: BARACK OBAMA: THE FRESHMAN

On view through July 18, 2009 at M+B is the inaugural exhibition Barack Obama: The Freshman, black and white photographs by Lisa Jack. First featured in Time magazine's 2008 "Person of the Year" issue which chose then President-elect Barack Obama for his "rare ability to...organize himself and others to anticipate change and translate it into opportunity," these photographs offer a window back in time before the posters and before the campaign, when a twenty year old young man was caught up in just such a change that Time magazine would later describe. Lisa Jack, then a student of photography at Occidental College, sought a striking subject for a portrait project and was tipped off about a charismatic freshman named "Barry" Obama who would make an ideal subject. After the shoot, these images would remain locked away for the next twenty eight years, until a dare from a friend triggered Lisa Jack to seek them out. At first, worried these images could be used against President Obama, Jack realized they were not incriminating of anything other than being young and self-conscious, and that they offered a unique glimpse into how the man who made history went from being "Barry" to Barack. **Call 310.550.0050 or visit www.mbfala.com** 

Lisa Jack, Barack Obama, 1980
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