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Joan Snitzer, *Momentarily*

June 24th – Jul 19th, 2009

Opening Reception: Thursday, June 25th 6pm to 8pm

BROOKLYN, NY, MAY, 2009. A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce the solo exhibition of A.I.R. Gallery artist **Joan Snitzer**. *Momentarily* will be on view from June 24th through July 19th, 2009, with an opening reception on Thursday, June 25th from 6pm to 8pm. The gallery will also be open from until 8pm on Thursday, July 9th for the monthly DUMBO Gallery Walk



Time is the substance from which I am made. Time is a river, which carries me along, but I am the river, it is a tiger that devours me, but I am the tiger, it is a fire that consumes me, but I am the fire. – Jorge Luis Borges

Momentarily is a group of projects that combine the traditions of mark making with the images and cadences of one's daily activities – both mundane and profound, public and private.

Although the exhibition is made up of paintings, drawings and installation pieces, an engagement with photographic representation inflects this body of work. Found images from everyday encounters, photo equipment, pictures produced by the artist, and forms of digitized information are literally and metaphorically embedded in Snitzer's projects. The piece "Our Time," is a monumental calendar-like grid made up of 28 single leaves of paper, each bearing one image and one phrase that references an increment of time. The feeling of the sheets vacillate from critical (bad time) to tender (springtime) to humorous (party time) and the visual elements (postage stamps, gum wrappers, catalogue clippings) juxtaposed with texts obscure the boundaries between a physical presence at an event and acquired experiences through mediated information.

In other multi-painting projects such as "Cadence," and "Circle Drawings" the work is made up of a variety of fluid, mechanically applied materials and sensuous marks of the hand on a milky ground. Additionally, the form of each piece is synced with natural or arbitrary measures of time (a week, a month, a year, 9 months, 5 days).

Snitzer's work speaks with a sense of intimacy as well as universality about the acceleration of representations in our age. The artist writes: "From the smallest mark made by a pencil to a grand event documented across continents, these images merge into a lyrical representation in which vision is contextualized, absorbed, remembered and forgotten."

Joan Snitzer is the Director of the Visual Arts Program at Barnard College. This is her second solo exhibition at A.I.R. Gallery.

A.I.R. – ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN IN THE ARTS SINCE 1972. A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111Front Street, #228, in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Gallery hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 11am to 6pm. For directions please see www.airgallery.org. For additional information, please contact Kat Griefen at A.I.R. Gallery at 212-255-6651 or kgriefen@airgallery.org.

