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Furthermore, The A.I.R. Gallery 8th Biennial Curated by Lilly Wei opens March 5th, 2009

New York, N.Y., FEBRUARY, 2009 – *Furthermore, The A.I.R. Gallery 8th Biennial*, curated by **Lilly Wei**, is an exhibition of work by thirty-four women artists from the United States and abroad of diverse backgrounds. The exhibition will be on view from March 4 to March 29, 2009. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, March 5, from 6–8 PM.

In *Furthermore*, works by thirty-four artists, reflecting a dynamic cross-section of contemporary art, demonstrate that women artists continue to be a major force in the art world. The 8th Biennial builds on the pioneering efforts of A.I.R. Gallery and on more than three decades of showcasing exciting new work by women artists.

Lilly Wei, the exhibition's curator, writes: "Founded in 1972, A.I.R. Gallery has nurtured the careers of many great women artists, effectively answering Linda Nochlin's ironic, exasperated question of 1971: "Why have there been no great women artists?" This 8th Biennial, rich in diverse media, ideas, and aesthetic approaches, further addresses that claim.

Works by: Emily Barletta, Beth Blinebury, Kate Carr, Alyssa Casey, Pauline Chernichaw, Enid Crow, Rose Frances DeSiano, Taiga Ermansons, Rebecca Finley, Karla Hackenmiller, Einat Imber, Tal Jabotinsky, Hye-na Jeong, Naomi Kaly, Monica Kane, Mung Lar Lam, Victoria Latunski, Mari Marks, Kyoko Masutani, Meredith Miller, Eti Naor, Yoonhye Park, Alyson, Provax, Alexandra Roxo, Annette Rusin, Heather Saunders, Laurie Schorr, Maki Teshima, Cara Turett, Yi-Hsin Tzeng, Jill Vasileff, Anneliesa Vobis, Elizabeth White and Anat Zalk are included in the exhibition.

Lilly Wei is a New York based independent curator, essayist and critic who writes for *Art in America* and is a contributing editor at *ARTnews* and *Art Asia Pacific*. The Biennial Series has a strong curatorial history. Cornelia Butler, Charlotta Kotik, Lowery Sims, Elisabeth Sussman, Anne Ellegood, Shamim Momin and Maura Reilly curated the seven previous biennials.

On March 26 from 6 - 8:30 PM *Night A.I.R.* will highlight work, curated by Lilly Wei, by four women video artists: **Alexandra Roxo**, **Meredith Drum**, **Katja Loher** and **Julia Kim Smith**. Appetizers from local eateries and other light refreshments will be served, and exciting prizes will be raffled. *Space is limited* - \$20 with RSVP by March 19 to infor@airgallery.org, \$25 at the door.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228, in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Gallery hours: Wed. – Sun., 11am to 6pm. For directions please see www.airgallery.org. For more information please contact Gallery Director, Kat Griefen at 212-255-6651 or info@airgallery.org

Image: Mung lar Lam, Ironings: Piece work No 3., 2008