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Light and Color⁺

Jisoo Lee

September 6 - September 30, 2012

Opening Reception: September 6, 2012, 6 – 9 pm

A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to present *Light and Color⁺*, an exhibition of new work by Jisoo Lee from September 6 - 30, 2012. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, September 6 from 6 – 9 pm.



Light and color play an important role in the interpretation of Lee's paintings. Light's ever-changing essence illuminates objects in a way that transforms their physicality and meaning. This illuminative quality can be both mysterious and clarifying, creating distortions and new interpretations that enlighten and produce multiple readings. The quality of light, be it natural or artificial, bright or dim, affects an object's appearance in a way that allows endless transfiguration and rebirth. Similarly, as the color scheme changes, interpretations freely extend from formal to emotional, analytic to sensuous. Like light and color, Lee's imagery is has a fluid identity that cannot be captured or contained but instead has ever-changing poetic resonance.

The pleasures of Lee's current paintings derive in part from the elusiveness of the imagery and the evocative tensions between neutral forms and pornographic intimations. The lush surfaces and refined brushwork waver between illusion and reality. The complex colors and modulated tonalities create imagery that is deliberately evasive yet effortlessly radiate enigmatic charm.

This is Lee's first solo show at A.I.R. Gallery. She grew up in Seoul, Korea and currently lives and works in Brooklyn, New York. She received her MFA from Pratt Institute of Fine Art. Her work has been included in many solo and group shows in the United States and other countries as well. Her work was selected to be a cover of Carnegie Hall Play Bills in May 2007; she was also selected as Artist of The Month, *internet* magazine, in April 2009. Lee's website is www.jisooleegallery.com

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228, in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Gallery hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 11 – 6 pm. For directions please see www.airgallery.org. For additional information, please contact Julie Lohnes at A.I.R. Gallery at 212-255-6651 or jlohn@airgallery.org.

Image: *Peaches*, Oil on Canvas 2012, 60" x 80"

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