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NANCY MORROW

SIGNS OF DESIRE

JUNE 26-JULY 21, 2007

OPENING RECEPTION

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

6:00 - 8:00PM



New York, N.Y., May 22, 2007 - **A.I.R. Gallery** is pleased to announce a solo exhibition by **Nancy Morrow**. The opening reception will be held on June 28, 2007 from 6pm to 8pm.

SIGNS OF DESIRE is an exhibition of new work that celebrates both the language of conventional painting and that of the "assembled." Exploring the tension between illusion and reality, layers of pattern, image and text are "built" through paint then erased with an electric sander, redrawn and re-layered. Though not actually collaged, images are embedded in the layers of space – some seen clearly, some partially obscured, denied or encased.

The concept of desire is central – consumption of material objects ("*Buy Everything at Least Once*"), the lure of luxury, easy fixes in the form of food and pharmaceuticals, sexual fantasy and questions of reproduction are all given voice. Text appears as a layered element, playing personal ruminations off of cultural directives, exploring the comfort that nostalgia can offer, as well as the desire for personal power. The work is reflective of roadside billboards in its worn layers, bold claims and imagery, yet echoes a personal sense of place. Referencing commercial signage ties together consumptive temptations as well as the notion of a painting as a sign.

Nancy Morrow maintains a studio in Manhattan, Kansas where she is on the art faculty of Kansas State University. Her work has been exhibited at such venues as the Center on Contemporary Art in Seattle, the Tacoma Art Museum, The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, David Beitzel, and Amos Eno Galleries in New York, and The Young Artist's Club in Budapest, Hungary. She has served as a visiting artist at a number of venues, including the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, co-sponsored by the Center for Advanced Feminist Study.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 511 West 25th Street, NYC. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11am-6pm. For information please contact the director, Kat Griefen at 212.255.6651 or kgriefen@airgallery.org.