



Carolyn Martin, *Unfenced*

November 4th – November 29th 2009

Opening Reception: Thursday November 5th from 6pm to 8pm

BROOKLYN, NY, October 2009 – A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce *Unfenced*, an exhibition of new work by Carolyn Martin. The exhibition will be on view from November 4th through November 29th 2009 in Gallery I. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, November 5th from 6pm- 8pm.



In previous work, Carolyn Martin used the image of the white picket fence as a way to challenge the insularity of American domesticity. In these spare new drawings, the picket fences become less solid and more linear, entwined with flowing lines suggesting captured organic forms. The crossbars, ruled in pencil, underpin the architecture that we forever want to impose on nature. For Martin, the fence is an image with many meanings. “Fences can represent borders, exclusion, protection and security, that guarantee a degree of freedom. They are a sign of prosperity and wealth as well. They go back in history to the earliest human civilizations. They can seem both benevolent and menacing.”

Martin has exhibited in solo shows in New York City since 1989. She has also exhibited at the J.B. Speed Art Museum in Louisville Kentucky; the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts in Racine, Wisconsin; the African American Museum in Dallas, Texas; the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia; ACA Galleries in New York; the Muscarelle Museum at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia; and the 2B Gallery in Budapest, Hungary; among others. Martin holds a B.F.A. from the University of Wisconsin, attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and earned her M.F.A. from Pratt Institute in New York. She has taught at the University of Pennsylvania and City College in New York City.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228, in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY. 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.

Image: Carolyn Martin, Untitled, 22” x 30”, charcoal, pigment collage on paper, 2009.