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Louise McCagg

Current Relics

Sept. 12 – Oct. 6, 2007

Opening Reception
Friday Sept. 14th 6pm to 8pm

NEW YORK, NY Sept 1, 2007 — A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce *CURRENT RELICS*, a solo exhibition of new work by Louise McCagg. The exhibition will run from September 12th to October 6th with an opening reception on Friday September 14th from 6pm to 8pm.

Louise McCagg's *CURRENT RELICS* includes three new bronze sculpture series; and structural paper, video and C-prints for an opera.

In Gallery I three bronze series are on view. For the group, *LPs*, the artist used her method of reducing faces to a smaller size. McCagg takes a group of vinyl records on which she meticulously places heads sized ¼ to 1 inch, then casts them in bronze. McCagg used her own collection of faces for this project including a double portrait of Hungarian composer, Zoltan Kodaly on either side of the spindle hole. With *TORSO*, McCagg again uses her shrinking method to reduce adult torsos to ¼ of their original form. In *ROMANS*, McCagg explores the verticality of the ancient Romans, their severity, rigidity and pride.

In Gallery II, McCagg exhibits cast paper headpieces and plaster masks designed for the contemporary opera "The Passion of Saint Thomas More" by the Fisher Ensemble of Seattle, WA. McCagg will show a video of the performance, together with C-prints that capture the performers in action.

The Seattle Weekly writes: "McCagg has designed provocative headpieces and hand-held masks to visually punctuate the performance...the overall theatrical effect is of a mask singing through the mouth of its heart."

Louise McCagg was born in Hartford, Connecticut. The artist has exhibited widely both in the United States and internationally at galleries and other venues which have included The Sculpture Center (New York), Gallery 128 (New York), Istvan Kiraly Muzeum (Budapest), Petofi Irodalmi Muzeum (Budapest), 2B Gallery (Budapest) and Sejong Arts Festival (Seoul).

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.