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Shift Nancy Morrow

October 4 - 28, 2012

Opening Reception: Thursday, October 4th, 6pm – 9pm

A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to present *Shift*, an exhibition of new work by Nancy Morrow on view from October 4 - 28, 2012. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, October 4th from 6 - 9pm.



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Shift: *to move from one place, position, or direction to another, especially over a small distance ● to succeed by oneself ● to get by through expediency, trick, or evasion ● to change gears ● a stick shift in an automobile ● a scheduled period of work, especially when a shop, service, office, or industry operates continuously during both the day and night ● a group of workers scheduled to work during the same time ● a key on a typewriter or computer keyboard ● a woman's straight, unwaisted dress ● to undergo a systematic change in language or thought*¹

Shift is an exhibition of original encaustic and mixed media paintings and works on paper that take a revisionist look at women in the workforce. Morrow, who has had a diverse number of jobs herself, creates a wry, stream of consciousness type survey that runs the gamut from traditionally male dominated trades and upper level corporate management positions, to scientific research, food services and more.

Pairing the conventional language of painting with collage and that of the comic strip, workers are shown coexisting in spaces with powerful, natural forces at play. Environments suggest various worksites but remain specifically non-locatable. The visual and cultural politics of representation are at the forefront of Morrow's work, combing issues of scripted roles, personal power, fears and desire --both public and personal.

Nancy Morrow is an alumna of Skowhegan and has been a national member of A.I.R. Gallery since 2005. A 2009 recipient of the Kansas Arts Commission Mid-Career Fellowship in Visual and Fine Art, her work has been included in *New American Paintings*, *Studio Visit Magazine*, and more than 100 exhibitions throughout the U.S., Japan, Slovakia, Germany, Hungary and Mexico. She maintains a studio in Manhattan and in Kansas, where she is member of the art faculty of Kansas State University.

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 Allison Arnold at A.I.R. Gallery at 212-255-6651 or info@airgallery.org.

Image: *Edifice*. Encaustic & mixed media on panel, 16 x 20," 2012

1.) "Shift," Merriam-Webster Dictionary, accessed September 16, 2012, <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/shift>.