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**Joan Ryan, *What We Forget to Remember***

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Opening Reception: Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 8pm

BROOKLYN, NY, November 2010 – A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce a solo exhibition by Joan Ryan, which will be on view from November 3 through November 28, 2010.

Ryan's paintings and drawings use nostalgic images of childhood that crash into present day realities. Using interiors decorated with recognizable contemporary imagery of adolescence, class pictures and children's drawings, these idyllic memories interact with the paraphernalia of war. There is an implicit freedom in the scribbles that spill from drawings taped onto whimsical walls decorated with tanks and guns – but harsh truths also loom in the content of the drawings. This conflict aims to question our desire for a fictitious past and reveals the complexity of our cultural identity and actual heritage.

Joan Ryan has exhibited both nationally and internationally. She has had solo exhibitions at Smith College in Northampton MA; Cambridge Multicultural Center, Cambridge MA; Soho 20, NYC and at the Nancy Lincoln Gallery Chestnut Hill, MA. Notable curators such as Donald Kuspit, Olga Viso, Jacquelyn Days, Gary Carrion-Murayari, Allen Stone and Ned Rifkin have selected her work for exhibitions. She has received grants from the Puffin Foundation, George Sugarman Foundation and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Ryan received her MFA from Boston University and teaches at the Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University.



A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228, in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Gallery hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 11am to 6pm. For directions please see [www.airgallery.org](http://www.airgallery.org). For additional information, please contact Kat Griefen at A.I.R. Gallery at 212-255-6651 or [kgriefen@airgallery.org](mailto:kgriefen@airgallery.org).