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Francie Shaw, *Weights and Measures*

March 31 – April 25, 2010

Opening Reception: Thurs., April 1, 2010 6pm to 8pm

BROOKLYN, NY, March 2010 – A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce, *Weights and Measures* an exhibition of new works by Francie Shaw, which will be on view from March 31 through April 25, 2010. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, April 1 from 6pm to 8pm.

This group of ink-brush drawings, *Weights and Measures*, uses newspaper photographs as source materials to ask the question, “How can we understand what we see?”



Shaw places the focus on the figures’ postures and expression, but by removing them from their surroundings and setting them against a white background, she leaves the representations of human interaction and emotion ambiguous across cultures and continents. She presents legible cultural signs of both the familiar and the exotic but without the narratives that cue our all-too-automated judgments of sameness and difference.

Sidestepping verisimilitude, these works have the immediacy of the hand. The drawings cover a wide range of human experiences -- handing money to a shopkeeper, taking children’s temperatures, comforting soldiers in wartime. Shaw’s clear pleasure in drawing gives intimacy to what is normally kept a world away.

Francie Shaw lives and works in Philadelphia. This is her fourth solo exhibition at A.I.R. Gallery.

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. For additional information, please contact Kat Griefen at A.I.R. Gallery at 212-255-6651 or kgriefen@airgallery.org

Image: Francie Shaw, “Parking Lot Protest” 2010, ink on paper