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**Francie Shaw, *Old is New***

October 5 – October 29, 2011

Reception: Thursday, October 6 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**BROOKLYN, NY October 2011** – A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce Francie Shaw's solo exhibition, *Old is New*. This collection of new works will be on view from October 5<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> with an opening reception on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9pm.

In this work, Shaw incorporates physical parts of prior work into the new pieces – hence the title. The materials are incommensurate: black and white brush drawings of people based on newspaper photographs (from "Weights and Measures," her prior show at A.I.R.); bits of her old canvases; monotypes; and painted papers.



Shaw often starts with an old test paper of brush strokes. From this field of grass-like many-toned grays spring figures engaged in recognizable but isolated actions, from marching guerilla fighters to old friends greeting each other. Bold graphics of color are in front, behind and inside the action simultaneously. Unreal cartoonish personages stand nearby. Paisley and spiral patterns emerge from the background color. There are many yellow painted paper discs, which appear as either particles of dust or giant suns. The scale of perception is flexible, micro and macro at once. The use of multiple layers works in tandem with unanchored interpretations. We see daily experiences, painful and pleasurable, shadowed by our shared monsters, existing in a timeless world.

The works themselves are not large, from 30" x 20" to as small as 12" x 12", but the spaces inside them are vast.

Francie Shaw lives and works in Philadelphia. This is her fifth 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](http://www.airgallery.org). For additional information, please contact Julie Lohnes at A.I.R. Gallery at 212-255-6651 or [jlohn@airgallery.org](mailto:jlohn@airgallery.org)