



## **Elke Solomon, *A Tavola!***

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, *A Tavola!*, a new installation by **Elke Solomon**. The exhibition will be on view from March 31 through April 25<sup>th</sup> with an opening reception on Thursday April 1 from 6pm to 8pm.

*A Tavola!* brings together Solomon's engagement with both the personal and social value of food and the rituals of preparation and consumption. "These universal histories are the basic ingredients of socialized society," says the artist. Like a stage set, she recreates the familiar domestic space of the full scale dining room as both a real and imagined place where the symbolic and associative workings of the imagination unfold. Revealing for the first time an incredibly varied and iterative studio practice, Solomon's installation is dressed in a variety of crafted objects; furniture, chandeliers, tablecloths and an encyclopedic collection of food related pictures and literature. These objects "mashed up" with the ready-mades creates a context for the exchange and manipulation of meaning. The artist invites the stranger to her table to make the habitual strange.



Elke Solomon has exhibited widely both in the United States and abroad. Her work is included in the collections of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Brooklyn Museum, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago and The Philadelphia Museum of Art, among others. She teaches at Parsons, The New School for Design. From 1983 until 2000 Solomon was a member of A.I.R. Gallery and is currently an Advisory Board member for the gallery. She is also a founding member of the Heresies Collective.

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)