



New Work **Jane Swavely**

February 1 - 26, 2012

Opening reception:

Thursday, February 2nd, 6pm - 9pm



A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce the first A.I.R. Gallery exhibition by member artist Jane Swavely, entitled *New Work*. The exhibition will open on February 1st, 2011, with the opening reception on Thursday, February 2nd from 6pm to 9pm.

New Work features pastel drawings and oil paintings of vibrant and visceral landscapes. Swavely juxtaposes cinematic quick cuts of landscape against panoramic shots, building tension in each piece. She uses the horizontal and vertical space to collapse literal interpretation. Swavely captures the transient moment, the changing tide of light, tonal values of deepening color and shadow, and the volume of space and depth.

The pastel drawings and paintings in the show are studies based on actual as well as imagined places. Whether on the water, in the mountains, a seascape or a landscape recalled, she is interested in exploring and doing justice to the transient. Though her pastels are works in their own right, they are also rough drafts and studies for the larger paintings in the exhibition. There are recurrent themes that have to do with building space, filtering light, and exploring color.

Each piece in this exhibition contains literal depictions of place located in time or suggestions of emotional space. Swavely's paintings are about process and practice as an ongoing exploration, an implied dialogue with the viewer. She understands that painting is about something made that is nuanced by what the viewer might bring to it.

Jane Swavely has been working in oils and pastels for over 20 years. She is the recipient of a Ford Foundation Grant. Her work can be found in many permanent collections. Swavely was previously represented by CDS gallery in New York City.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228, in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y. Gallery hours are 11:00 - 6:00 Wednesday through Sunday. For directions, please see www.airgallery.org. For additional information call A.I.R. Director Julie Lohnes (212)-255-6651, jlohn@airgallery.org