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**Mother/mother-** \* **Curated by Jennifer Wroblewski** December 2, 2009 – January 3, 2010 Opening Reception: Thurs., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6pm to 8pm Film and Video Screening: Sat., Dec 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm



BROOKLYN, NY, November 2009 – A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce **Mother/mother-**\*, a group exhibition curated by artist and 2008- 2009 A.I.R. Gallery Fellow Jennifer Wroblewski. The exhibition will be on view in Gallery I from December 2, 2009 through January 3, 2010. There will be an opening reception on Thursday, December 3, from 6pm until 8pm. On Saturday, December 12, there will be a special screening of film and video (see artist list below). On Wednesday, December 2 exhibiting artist Rachel Howfield will facilitate an informal roundtable discussion on issues related to being an artist and a parent, as part of the APT (Artist Parents Talking) program, which she founded in the UK.

*Mother/mother-*\* is an exhibition of work made by artists within the years immediately following a pregnancy or the birth of a child. The exhibition includes drawings, paintings, narrative and non-narrative film and video, sculpture, an artist's book, an audio selection, and one piece of embroidery. The artists live and work in the U.S., Canada, Scotland, England, and Spain. For the purpose of the exhibition, the title **Mother/mother-**\* also refers to father artists. "Mother" is the term that elicits *the great frisson* when uttered within the larger art culture.

Exhibiting artists: Shelley Rae, Kakyoung Lee, Erika deVries, Rachel Howfield, Abbey Williams, Darren Floyd, Keltner + Valentova, Karla Florèz Albor, Kate Wilhelm, Lindsay Page, Parisa Taghizadeh, Silvia Iturria, Liz Dierdorf, Xiaowie Chen, Judith van Praag, Regina Granne, Vicki Sher, Sharon Thomas, Hayley Hara, Thom Hasenmayer, Monica Bock, Ivan Stojakovic, Vikki Michalios, Rebecca Klementovich, Elizabeth Foster, Barbara Campbell Thomas, Jan Johnson, Leah Souffrant, Marie-Francoise Theodore\*, Emilie Upzak\*, Ingrid Berthon-Moine\*, Ilana Rein\*

\* Artists whose work will be screened on Saturday December 12, 6-8 pm.

**About the curator**: Jennifer Wroblewski is an artist and 2008-2009 A.I.R. Gallery Fellow. She was awarded a 2009 NYFA Fellowship in Printmaking/Drawing/Book Arts. She is an adjunct lecturer in the School of Art + Design at (SUNY) Purchase College. **Mother/mother- \*** is her first curatorial effort.

A.I.R. – ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN IN THE ARTS SINCE 1972. A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111Front Street, #228, in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Gallery hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 11am to 6pm. For directions please see <u>www.airgallery.org</u>. For additional information, please contact Kat Griefen at A.I.R. Gallery at 212-255-6651 or <u>kgriefen@airgallery.org</u>.

Image: Parisa Taghizadeh, KRISTINA-Filmmaker, digital photograph, 16 x 20", 2008.