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tART at A.I.R.

August 1 – August 29, 2009

Opening Reception Thursday, August 6th, 6-8pm

BROOKLYN, NY, July, 2009 - A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce **tART at A.I.R.**, an exhibition of artists in the tART collective, curated by **Kat Griefen**. The exhibition will be on view from August 1 through August 29, 2009. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, August 6th from 6pm to 8pm with a closing reception on Thursday, August 27th from 6pm to 8pm.

tART at AIR includes the work of 35 artists who are part of the tART collective. tART is comprised of 46 emerging women artists nationwide, whose network facilitates dialogue, collaboration, learning and teaching, public engagement, and activism.

This exhibition is, in part, an examination of the Feminist Art Movement's influence on subsequent generations of female artists. While the majority of the work does not reveal overt feminist content, the exhibition is a cross section of art being made by emerging women artists. The pieces are wide-ranging in genre and materials, not tending towards any specific trend but rather demonstrating the depth and vitality of women artists today. The exhibition is presented "salon" style. The salon tradition provides a rich subject for a contemporary feminist exhibition as it is an inclusive survey of tART members. Historically, "salon style" exhibitions of the 19th Century were surveys of contemporary art that excluded women, minorities and artists working on the fringe.

A.I.R. Gallery and the tART collective are both organizations founded by women with the intention of fostering a strong community and public presence for women in the arts. Both A.I.R. Gallery and tART function as support networks, which continue to strengthen and celebrate women's roles in the field.

The exhibiting artists are: **Liz Ainslie, Jill Auckenthaler, Suzanne Bennett, Monica Carrier, Sydney Chastain-Chapman, Laurie Close, Melissa Cowper-Smith, Ann deVere, Maria Dumlao, Madora Frey, Tara Giannini, Rachael Gorchov, Anna Lise Jensen, Elsie Kagan, Katherine Keltner, Selena Kimball, Essye Klempner, Katy Krantz, Katerina Lanfranco, Lisa Lindgren, Rebecca Loyche, Cybele Lyle, Jodie Lyn-Kee-Chow, Sandra Mack-Valencia, Ilse Murdock, Danielle Mysliwicz, Asya Reznikov, Susan Ross, Carrie Rubinstein, Nikki Schiro, Yasmin Spiro, Melissa Staiger, Rosemary Taylor, Petra Valentova, and Julia Whitney Barnes.** For more information about tART, please visit www.tartnyc.org.

tART at AIR is curated by Kat Griefen, who has been the Director of A.I.R. Gallery since 2006. Ms. Griefen received her BA from SUNY Purchase in Women Studies & Art History and spent three years in the PhD Program in Art History at The Graduate Center of the City of New York. Ms. Griefen is also an independent curator. Her recent exhibitions include "Material Matter, American Abstract Artists," at Sideshow Gallery in Brooklyn, New York (September 2007) and "A.I.R. Gallery: The History Show, works and archival materials from 1972 to the present," with Dena Muller and Carey Lovelace at A.I.R. Gallery and at New York University's Tracey/Barry Gallery (September 2008 – April 2009).

A.I.R. Gallery – Advocating for Women in the Arts Since 1972. A.I.R. is located at 111 Front Street, #228 in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Gallery hours: Wed. – Sun., 11am to 6pm. For more information please contact tART at tartnewyork@gmail.com or 917.753.2735.

Please note: The A.I.R. Gallery staff are away from July 25 through September 1, 2009. Please direct all inquiries pertaining to this exhibition to the tART email or phone number listed above.



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