

Republic Gallery is pleased to announce the upcoming solo exhibition:

Antonia Hirsch

Anthropometrics Vol. I & Vol. II

April 24th to May 28th, 2009



Anthropometrics Vol. I & Vol. II is a suite of colour photographs that operates as an inventory of 'colloquial' methods of measurement using the human body as their base reference. The demonstration of these measurements results in the idiosyncratic gestures captured in the photographs.

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Anthropometrics Vol. I & Vol. II seeks to trace and document methods of measurement that remain in use parallel to standardized modes of measurement. These types of 'biometric' measurements have a kinship to oral history that is passed on by generations of families or other social networks, rather than through official institutions. They require face-to-face exchange, rather than abstract or remote forms of interaction.

During a three-month period in 2006, *Vol. I* of the series appeared across the city of Vancouver in the form of large screen-printed posters. Mirroring the informal modes of measurement represented in the images, the work's dissemination relied on the informal (and semi-legal) marketing economy that utilizes transitional, temporarily unregulated urban sites such as abandoned buildings and construction hoardings.

This is the first presentation of *Vol. II* of the series.

Antonia Hirsch is a Vancouver-based artist who has received critical attention for her work in Canada, Europe and Asia. Her work is currently on view as part of *How Soon Is Now* at the Vancouver Art Gallery and in the context of *awashawave* at the Blackwood Gallery in Mississauga. *Double Blind*, a new public artwork commissioned for the Vancouver Community College, will be inaugurated in late April 2009. Additional information on the artist is available at antoniahirsch.com.

Anthropometrics Vol. I & Vol. II will be on show April 24th through May 28th with an artist reception on Friday, April 24th, 6 – 8 pm. Regular gallery hours are 11 am – 4 pm, Thursday through Saturday, and by appointment.

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