

Republic Gallery is pleased to announce the upcoming solo exhibition:

Gwenessa Lam
Windows

June 12 to July 25, 2009

Opening reception Thursday, June 11, 7 - 9 pm



In the series *Windows*, Gwenessa Lam explores the notion of absence through paintings of vacant windows and walls. The windowed wall is a liminal space between the interior and exterior. It suggests a potential to see, to visualize the other side without physically entering into the space beyond the shutters or glass pane. This tension – between vision and knowledge, disclosure and concealment – is central to the work. Their opacity inverts the transparent, revelatory function of windows, operating more as empty screens and portals, a means of surveillance or escape. The setting of the interior situates notions of alienation and estrangement within the familiar and banal. Representations of the void, in the guise of the blank window or the shadowed wall, play upon the viewer’s desire to fill the void, whilst never completely satisfying it.

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