

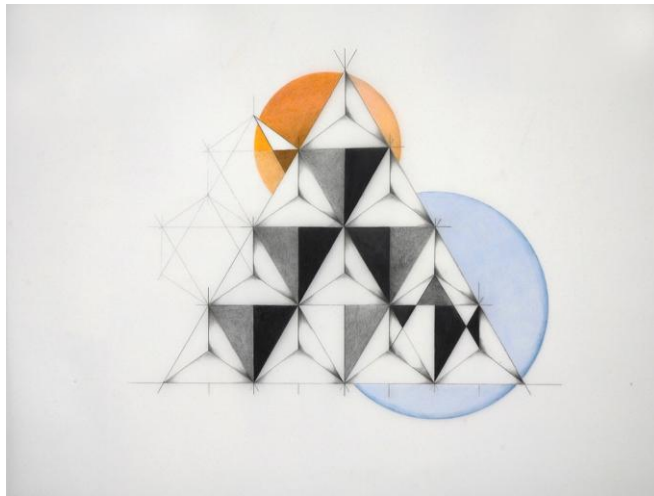
Republic Gallery is pleased to announce the upcoming solo exhibition:

Holly Ward

Here & There

Opening reception: Thursday, 10 September, 6 - 8 pm

Showing: 11 September - 8 October



Utopia or Oblivion MODEL 1, 2008, Pencil crayon and graphite on vellum, 17" x 24"

Here & There continues Ward's explorations into the speculative discourse of utopia, and the necessary compromise of material and aesthetic representations of this theoretical 'no-place'. ***Here & There*** is comprised of large-scale drawing and intimate sculpture which function as both diagrams and objects. Based on the long tradition of visionary architecture, Ward has created an installation that examines the dialectic of fantasy and pragmatism, mining the gap between possibility and limitation in a recuperative gesture.

Holly Ward is a Vancouver-based interdisciplinary artist working with sculpture, multi-media installation and drawing to examine intersections between aesthetics and speculative thinking.

She received her BFA (interdisciplinary) from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in 1999 and her MFA (studio) from the University of Guelph in 2006. She has

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received numerous awards for her artistic output, including the Joseph Beuys Memorial Scholarship (NSCAD) and The Canada Council for the Arts Creation/Production Grant.

Holly Ward has had solo exhibitions across Canada: at the Morris and Helen Belkin and the Or Gallery (Vancouver), YZ Artists' Outlet (Toronto), Oeil Du Poisson (Quebec), and Struts Artist-Run Centre (Sackville), amongst others. She has been included in numerous group exhibitions in Canada, London (UK), Mexico City, New York, Bergen (Norway) and Seoul (South Korea).

Holly is the current Artist in Residence at Langara College. This is her debut exhibition at Republic Gallery.

Here & There will be on show 11 September through 8 October with an artist reception on Thursday, 10 September, 6 - 8pm. Regular gallery hours are 11am - 5pm, Wednesday through Saturday, and by appointment.

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