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Deborah Ronnen Fine Art Presents Artist Mark Fox's First Rochester, NY Solo Exhibition at The Culver Road Armory

“CUT...ing EDGE”

Open to the public
Saturday, September 10 – Sunday, October 2, 2011

Rochester, NY (August 22, 2011) – Deborah Ronnen Fine Art presents “CUT...ing EDGE,” the first solo exhibition in Rochester NY of sculptures and drawings by Mark Fox, at the Culver Road Armory, 145 Culver Road, September 10 through October 2, 2011. The exhibition marks the inauguration of the Cultural Series at the Armory. There will be an opening reception with the artist on Saturday, September 10 from 7–10 p.m.

The installation-based exhibition will feature mirrored cut-steel sculptures, works on paper, and Fox's signature large cut-paper sculptures. Fox creates these constructions by meticulously cutting hundreds of intricate ink and watercolor drawings from their paper ground and using strips of linen tape to carefully rejoin the fragments into fragile, cloud-like abstractions.

With these sculptures, Fox continues his study of various religious and mythological texts. By transcribing, cutting, and reassembling these texts, Fox seeks to “examine the edges of these dogmas; to scrutinize the ways in which their meaning and implications underpin contemporary culture.” Fox's process of transcription and his choice of materials (paper, ink, gold leaf) recall the monastic production of illuminated manuscripts.

Beyond mythological and religious content, Fox's assemblages also draw from news media, literature, cinema, cartoons, advertising, and pop culture. By juxtaposing fragments of varying subject matter, Fox encourages chance to enter into his methodical process in order to create new, non-linear narratives. Through this process, he aims to evoke the fragmented nature of both our thought processes and our daily lives. The series of two-dimensional works on paper explore the artist's fascination with creating formal order out of random elements.



Mark Fox, ASWTC (2011)

A key work in the exhibition, *ASWTC* (2011), contains lumber from the World Trade Center/Freedom Tower construction site. Fox, a long-time resident of New York City, states, “The significance of showing this piece at this time is appropriately unplanned. The relationship to the issues and emotions just transcend time.”

“The Culver Road Armory is proud to partner with Deborah Ronnen Fine Art to bring such a world-renowned artist to Rochester,” Fred Rainaldi, Jr., managing member of Whitney Baird Associates said. “Mark Fox's unique creations idyllically mirror the philosophy of The Armory, which is designed to showcase the best culture has to offer for everyone from the generally curious, to local Rochesterians and art lovers the world over,” Rainaldi added.

About Mark Fox

Mark Fox received his MFA from Stanford University and holds a BFA from Washington University in St. Louis. He currently lives and works in New York City. For over a decade Fox was the Creative Director of Saw Theater, a non-profit avant-garde puppet theater that produced original multimedia performances in collaboration with artists and writers.

With previous solo exhibitions in over a dozen cities, Fox has exhibited at the Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum, the Cincinnati Art Museum, the Detroit Institute of Arts, Rice Gallery at Rice University, the Herbert F. Johnson Museum at Cornell University, and the Fabric Workshop and Museum in Philadelphia.

His work was recently acquired and exhibited by the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, and is in the collections of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, and the Whitney Museum of American Art, among other institutions. Recent articles on Fox have appeared in ART + AUCTION, ARTnews, The New York Times, and The New Yorker. In 2010, Fox was chosen as a Versailles Foundation Munn Artist in Residence at Monet's studio in Giverny.

For more information on Mark Fox, please contact Deborah Ronnen: deborahronnen@gmail.com

About Deborah Ronnen Fine Art

A private dealer for more than 25 years, Deborah Ronnen has been dedicated to exhibiting and promoting contemporary and modern art. With special expertise in contemporary photography and works on paper, she has been instrumental in working with clients to build important collections of art. Solo exhibitions have included Pablo Picasso, Jasper Johns, Robert Motherwell, Sol Lewitt, Adam Fuss, Vik Muniz, and Alison Saar. Deborah Ronnen was appointed by the Governor to the New York State Council on the Arts, where she has served as Chair of the Visual Arts Committee. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery.

Deborah Ronnen Fine Art is located in Rochester, NY, 14610, and is open by appointment.

About the Culver Road Armory

The Culver Road Armory, located at 145 Culver Road, Rochester, NY, is a 100,000-square-foot facility with a modern, cutting-edge design element that envelops visitors. The Cultural Series at the Culver Road Armory, which begins with the Mark Fox exhibition, highlights varied works of art by well-known and emerging artists from around the globe.

For more information on the Culver Road Armory, visit <http://www.culverroadarmory.com>.

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