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Margarida Correia

Things

November 7 – December 2, 2006

Opening Reception

November 9, 6pm -8pm



New York, N.Y., October 25, 2006 - **A.I.R. Gallery** is pleased to announce *Things*, an exhibition of photography by Margarida Correia. The opening reception will be held on November 9, 2006 from 6pm to 8pm.

Margarida Correia's recent body of work is an exploration of the family homes of two friends of the artist, ---- De Jong and ---- Nobre. By photographing the interior spaces in Rotterdam and Lisbon where De Jong and Nobre grew up, as well as re-photographing sections of their family photo albums, the artist examines the topics of family heritage and history through a personal and emotive lens. Although in *Things*, the interior spaces are densely decorated, Correia focuses our eye on those meaningful or symbolic objects that present clues regarding the lives of the families who treasure them.

These photographs portray two European realities, both which are populated by the craft and art of old world Modernity. Despite the beautiful specificity of the compositions, these photographs go beyond documentary photography. In *De Jong De-Humidifier*, aspects of traditional genres such as portraiture and still life are combined with references to vernacular photographic practices and to the archive. Correia employs clever juxtapositions of images, rich layering of objects and doubling of photographs to address conceptual issues regarding representation and cultural identity.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 511 West 25th Street, NYC. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11am-6pm. For information please contact the director, Kat Griefen at 212.255.6651 or kgriefen@airgallery.org.