



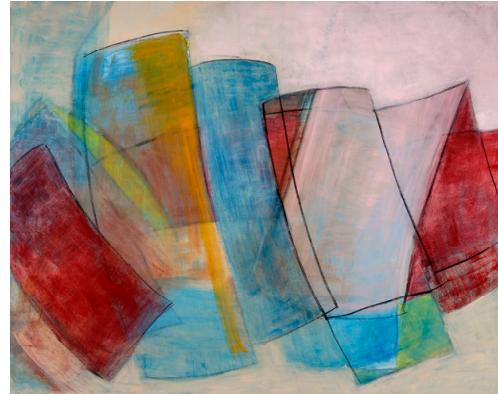
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Ivy Dachman, What Was *What Is*

September 9 – October 4, 2009

Reception: Thursday, September 10, 6 – 8pm

BROOKLYN, NY, August 2009: A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce **What Was *What Is***, a solo exhibition of recent work by A.I.R. alumni artist, **Ivy Dachman**. The exhibit will be on view from September 9th through October 4th, 2009, with an opening reception on September 10th from 6pm to 8pm.



In her third solo exhibition at A.I.R. Gallery titled, *What Was What Is*, Ivy Dachman shows abstract paintings constructed of charcoal, oil and wax on canvas, as well as a series of small gouaches on board. In these works, poetic relationships are achieved by the mysterious employment of abstraction that is not easily referenced to traditional compositional models or figure ground relationships.

Subtle tonal shifts, overlapping shapes which waver between organic and geometric defined by line and made ambiguous by color and brushwork that is sometimes delicate, sometimes obvious and deliberate mark Dachman's recent works. The pieces in *What Was What Is* are made up of forms that crowd the rectangle and live in a shallow area close to the surface, as well as negative areas that hint at a deeper space beyond. The artist's painterly abstractions combine tension and compression, line, plane and point.

The exhibition title, *What Was What Is*, refers to the paintings, as well as the studio process – the working through of the issues of a piece or series, the handling of the materials, the constant back and forth of examination, reflection, and action, which eventually distills a painting or drawing into a resolved, finished work.

A graduate of The Cooper Union (BFA), and Queens College (MFA), Dachman's work has been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States. In 1998, she was the recipient of a New York Foundation For the Arts Artist Fellowship in Painting.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228, in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Gallery hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 11am to 6pm. For directions please see www.airgallery.org. For additional information, please contact Kat Griefen at A.I.R. Gallery at 212-255-6651 kgriefen@airgallery.org

