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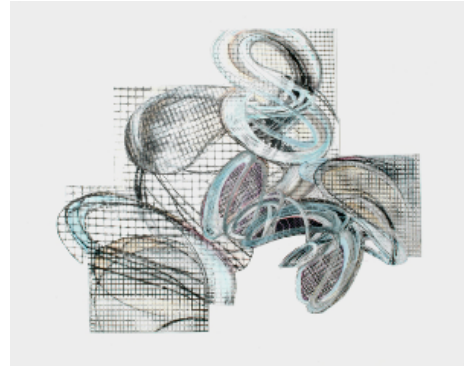
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Barbara Garber:

Taking Shape

May 29 – June 23, 2007

Opening Reception
Thursday, May 31



New York, N.Y., March 2007 - **A.I.R. Gallery** is pleased to announce *Taking Shape*-an installation for Gallery II by **Barbara Garber** which will be on view from May 29 - June 23, 2007, with an opening reception on May 31 from 6pm-8pm.

Barbara Garber's work draws its energy from the wedding of disparate and often surprising elements. Alliances are forged between industrial materials and lyric line; stillness and motion; spontaneity of gesture and control; space and flat plane; machine-made and handmade. The gestation of these pieces is like a wrestling match that turns into a dance. Elements remain separate but held in a tenuous equilibrium, with inked grid on mylar acting as a base for the shapes and lines that soar and layer space.

The pieces that comprise the current exhibition interact with one another in this particular room on these very walls. The initial impulse to create circular forms Garber said, came from the space itself which is dominated by two round columns imbedded in one of the walls.. Movement and ephemerality are the operating principles.

At the core of "Taking Shape" is movement. A large piece called "Turbulence" seems to move out in all directions at once. The swirls of "Turning a Corner" spin off onto another wall. The energy of the line, which is both casual and spontaneous, spirals, curves and swoops making the work feel slightly out of control. Yet in the face of all this activity, one of the strengths of Garber's work is the quality of containment. The movement pulls against a taut inner axis, adding tension and another level of interest

Barbara Garber has exhibited her work widely in solo and group exhibitions. Her most recent show was a site installation at the Bowery Poetry Club in 2005. She has taught and lectured at multiple institutions, including Vermont College of Norwich University, Brandeis University. Garber has received Resident fellowships at The Virginia Center for the Arts and Sanskriti Foundation in New Delhi, India,. *Taking Shape* has been supported in part by a Creation Grant from the Vermont Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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.

