



Louise McCagg, *Contact*

October 6 – 31, 2010

Opening Reception: Thursday, October 7, 2010 from 6-8pm

Brooklyn, NY, October 2010 – A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce an exhibition of new works by Louise McCagg, which will be on view in Gallery I from October 6 through October 31, 2010. In the exhibition, *Contact*, Louise McCagg is presenting a large-scale floor installation, hanging structures as well as a large aluminum sculpture.

McCagg has constructed a floor installation modeled after molecules and cells, illustrating both a micro and macro cosmos. These are pentagon- and hexagon-shaped sculptures that create an environment of playful three-dimensional constellations. Each sculpture carries McCagg's signature forms: shrunken heads cast from friends and family members. The heads are aluminum casts and are positioned as "linking knots" for the rods that form each pentagon.



The second large-scale piece continues the same schema, this time as a suspended installation. The molecules are adapted as hanging sculptures; large pentagon-shaped objects carry cast aluminum heads at intervals with wooden rods. *Contact* also includes a tall standing sculpture of the same materials. Here, the reduced facial forms interlock with the rods creating the impression of growing tree branches. For this new series, McCagg explores vertical human forms that have a sense of rigidity and pride.

A new monograph, *Louise McCagg: Sculpture*, with essays by Tracy Zwick, Patricia Rosoff and Kathleen Husler on the work of Louise McCagg is also available in conjunction with the exhibition.

McCagg lives and works in New York City and has exhibited her work throughout the United States and internationally at galleries and other venues which have included The Venice Biennale, The Sculpture Center, (New York), and Sejong Arts Festival (Seoul). McCagg's work has been collected by major museums, universities and other institutions including Lyman Allyn Museum, New London, CT.; The New York Public Library Collection; Kresge Art Museum, East Lansing, Michigan; Yale University Library, New Haven, CT.; Museum of Fine Art, Budapest, Hungary; Petöfi Museum of Literature, Budapest, Hungary; and Saint Stefan Museum, Székesfehérvár, Hungary.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228, in DUMBO, 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 or kgriefen@airgallery.org