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**THERESA
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IN THE PLACE I
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NEW YORK, NY Sept 1, 2007 — A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce *IN THE PLACE I AM THINKING OF*, a solo exhibition of new work by **Theresa Sapergia**. The exhibition will run from September 12th to October 6th with an opening reception on Friday, September 14th from 6pm to 8pm.

In the Place I Am Thinking Of transforms A.I.R.'s Gallery III into a secret journey space through the mind of the artist whose exploration of female sexuality is played out by the nymphs and satyrs of painting's past lives. The Satyr whose long-standing place in mythology as the very embodiment of the masculine libido is found here in female form. These adapted satyrs are intimately engaged with the multiple nymphs who have themselves evolved from the passive receptors of male desire to the fierce negotiators of their own power and pleasure.

The gallery becomes the site of an intense and suspended moment of magical exploration, which takes place in life-size drawings on paper. Masked sentinels guard the room's boundaries as the nymphs and satyrs are playing out their dealings. Agitated she-wolves pick up on the frequencies of the space and roam the large-scale drawings: aggressive, powerful and contained.

Sapergia's painterly drawings and drawerly paintings are based in a material exploration of figuration and a questioning of the historical tropes of representation. Her work uses sentimentality, sincerity and humor to call into question contemporary art's current relationship with irony and distancing.

Theresa Sapergia lives and works in British Columbia, Canada. She is represented in Quebec by The Parisian Laundry and in Toronto by Katharine Mulherin Contemporary Art.

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.