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"Fanning The Flames" - paintings by Kristiina Uusitalo at A.I.R. Gallery II. February 14 through March 4, 1995

Kristiina Uusitalo has distinguished herself by using large, shaped canvases, which portray the elemental forces of fire, wind and water. Edward J. Sozanski described the paintings in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* as

"accentuating the talismanic mood of the images, which establish
a deft equilibrium between the familiar and the speculative."

She simultaneously affirms the objectness of a painting *and* its illusion of space, setting layered, linear constructions in counterpoise with bold gestural strokes.

Uusitalo's work has been widely exhibited in both individual and group shows in Finland, Holland, Japan, Sweden, and the United States. She currently divides her time between painting in New York City and teaching painting in Finland.

For additional information, photographs or slides, please contact Alissa Schoenfeld at the gallery Tuesday through Saturday 11-6 pm, tel. 212-966 0799.

Opening reception Saturday, February 18th from 6-8 pm