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## Fellowship Applicants Show '99 June 1-19, 1999

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A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce a group show of work by the nominees for the 1999-2001 A.I.R. Fellowship Program. Since 1993, the A.I.R. Fellowship Program has offered a two-year membership in the gallery, culminating in a solo show, to a series of emerging women artists. This year, in response to the high quality of work submitted by the applicants, A.I.R. is delighted to present the following artists' work:

<b>Emilie Clark</b>	<b>Debra Hampton</b>	<b>Laurie Lea</b>	<b>Tracy Miller</b>
<b>Sara Eichner</b>	<b>Sarah Hinckley</b>	<b>Emilie Lemakis</b>	<b>Gayle Tanaka</b>
<b>Phoebe Godfrey</b>	<b>Juri Kim</b>	<b>Sheila Manion Artz</b>	<b>Charmaine Wheatley</b>
<b>Nancy Goldenberg</b>			

The Fellowship Program was established as an extension of A.I.R.'s commitment to exhibiting quality work by a diverse group of women artists and to providing a sense of leadership within the broader art world. Photographer Tenesh Webber, the first A.I.R. Fellow, voiced the importance of her membership in the gallery after her solo exhibition in June, 1995: "In my first months of involvement in the gallery, I became aware of a strong sense of community inside of the larger Soho context ... Preparing for this exhibit, with the support of the Fellowship, Gallery and the membership, was a crucial turning point in my professional development."

A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to offer membership to two deserving artists from this year's pool of applicants. The recipients of the A.I.R. Gallery 1999-2001 Fellowships will be announced at the closing of this show. We would like to thank Elisabeth Sussman, guest curator, A.I.R. 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Exhibition; Jeanette Ingberman, Exit Art; and former A.I.R. Fellows, Tenesh Webber and Angie Eng, for their assistance in selecting these candidates.

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