



Annie Ewaskio
FUTURESCAPES

February 1-25, 2012

Opening Reception: Thursday, February 2

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Artist Talk: Thursday, February 2, 6pm



Brooklyn, NY February 2012 – A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce *FUTURESCAPES*, an exhibition of new paintings by 2011-2012 Fellowship artist Annie Ewaskio. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, February 2, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

In her first solo exhibition in New York, Ewaskio exhibits a series of colorful and luminous oil paintings that depict nonexistent places. Painted in a luscious and visceral manner, the works are scenes that stem from the artist's imagination but are rooted in her experience traversing the American landscape.

FUTURESCAPES investigates the disorienting possibilities of a world that is not presently ours. Ewaskio's images continue the tradition of Western landscape painting while posing questions about the longevity of our terrain. The work is made simultaneously with fascination and repulsion, associating pure beauty with its potentially poisonous origins. An acid rainbow arcs over a behemoth structure fracturing in decay. Florescent sunrises gleam through atmospheric smog, while tiny figures reference icon worship and pilgrimage. Cityscapes morph into a cloudy, starry sky.

Using a bright, fresh hand, Ewaskio pairs oil paint's unrivalled qualities with a contemporary take on landscape painting, and asks us to consider what will be our world to come.

Annie Ewaskio (b. 1981) grew up in New Hampshire. After college in Iowa, she studied art at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, MD, where she remained for several years participating in the emerging music and art community. In addition to her fellowship at A.I.R. Gallery, she is a current MFA candidate in Painting at Hunter College. She lives in Brooklyn, New York. For more information, please visit www.annieewaskio.com.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228 in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Gallery hours: Wed. – Sun., 11am to 6pm. For directions please visit www.airgallery.org. For more information please contact Gallery Director, Julie Lohnes at 212-255-6651 or jlohn@airgallery.org.

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