



Kim Cadmus Owens

Reading between the lines

November 21 – December 24, 2009

For Immediate Release: September 15, 2009 - Holly Johnson Gallery in Dallas, Texas is pleased to announce the opening of *Reading Between the Lines* on Saturday, November 21st from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The exhibition features recent paintings and drawings from Dallas artist Kim Cadmus Owens and continues through Thursday, December 24, 2009.

The exhibition investigates urban landscape as historical record and vernacular architecture as anthropology. The artist is inspired by nostalgic imagery reflecting decades of redevelopment - a mid-century bank, a roadside motel, deco-era signage and a city block's façade. Through shifts in color palette, perspective and composition, Owens un-tethers this imagery of structures, signs and words from the past and creates new meaning and significance that speaks to the future.

Owens' work examines the effects of digital technology on our environment. Whereas most see interruptions of this technology as an inconvenience, Owens sees it as an opportunity to explore the complex and hyper-visual nature of this new techno-mediated reality. Using a computer to convert and process imagery, the artist turns the visual evidence of the digital into a formal language, exposing the image's encoding to reveal its inherent abstractions.

Kim Cadmus Owens recently participated in the group exhibition *Femme Fatale* at Holly Johnson Gallery. She also participated in the *Texas Biennial 2009* in Austin, Texas and was recently featured in *New American Paintings #78*. Owens was selected to create a public artwork for the DART Rail System at Las Colinas Urban Center Station scheduled to open in 2011. The station will eventually connect to DFW International Airport.

Owens attended the University of North Texas before receiving her B.F.A. in Painting and Drawing from the San Francisco Art Institute and her M.F.A. in Painting from Towson University near Baltimore, Maryland. Owens was born and raised in Texas, and has lived in New York, Baltimore, and San Francisco. She resides in Dallas and is Assistant Professor of Art at the University of Dallas.

Holly Johnson Gallery is located at 1411 Dragon Street in Dallas' Design District. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The gallery is a member of CADD - Contemporary Art Dealers of Dallas. For more information call 214-369-0169, or visit the gallery website at www.hollyjohnsongallery.com. Holly Johnson Gallery will close for the holidays from December 25 to January 2.