



## ***TRACE EVIDENCE***

**Recent Work by John Adelman**

**July 9 – August 20, 2011**

**For Immediate Release: June 9, 2011** - Holly Johnson Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of, *TRACE EVIDENCE: Recent Work by John Adelman*. An opening reception will be held for the artist on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This exhibition marks the artist's third solo show with the gallery and it continues through Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

John Adelman's work continues to follow traditions of rule-based art, with systems derived from mathematics, logic, personal, and/or consequential rules set by the artist. His mark-making dominates the visual experience by repeating forms and motifs (the traced nail and the written word continue to be evident), combined with excruciatingly micromanaged details. He also uses an arsenal of tools to painstakingly add texture to many of the works' background surfaces; yet in other works, the surfaces remain pristine. The compulsive and accumulative quality of much of this work makes it clear that they are labor intensive and painstakingly precise, mirroring the methodologies of rule-based art.

Recently John Adelman has been featured in many noteworthy solo exhibitions such as: *Drawings*, Multlu Art Gallery in Istanbul, Turkey (2011); *Bystander*, Galerie Luzanky, Brno, Czech Republic (2010); *The Word*, Breckenridge Art Center, Breckenridge, Tx (2011); *Barometer*, University of Dallas, Dallas, Tx (2010); *The Drawing Room*, The Galveston Art Center, Galveston, Texas (2008) and *the BIG Show* and *Drawing In Space*, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, Texas (2008).

John Adelman received a B.F.A. in Drawing, Painting, and Printmaking from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio (1992) and received a M.F.A. in Drawing and Painting from the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas (2006). The artist currently resides in Houston, Texas.

Holly Johnson Gallery is located at 1411 Dragon Street in Dallas. Gallery hours are 11 to 5 pm, Tuesday – Saturday. Founding Member of CADD - Contemporary Art Dealers of Dallas. For information call 214-369-0169, or visit the gallery website at [www.hollyjohnsongallery.com](http://www.hollyjohnsongallery.com).