



***Freefall***  
**Paintings by Jackie Tileston**  
**May 12 – August 4, 2012**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 19, 2012** - Holly Johnson Gallery in Dallas, Texas is pleased to announce the opening of *Freefall*, a survey of ten paintings from 2006 to the present by the artist Jackie Tileston. An opening reception for the artist will be held Saturday, May 12, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The exhibition continues through Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Jackie Tileston continues to bring a global sensibility to her work by drawing from many different cultures. Her cosmopolitan background lends authority to her painterly affirmations of the medium's innate capacity to absorb, transform and interpret the global nature of contemporary society. She has spent months at a time living in India and Italy, absorbing the cultural influences and gathering pictorial material, motifs and inspiration for her paintings. Tileston's trans-cultural life journey has taken her from her birthplace of the Philippines to Philadelphia, where she currently is a Professor of painting at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dense areas of vivid color and imagery exist alongside nebulous dustings of powdered pigment and expanses of bare linen, creating opulent and sophisticated surfaces. Into this wide spectrum, the artist also overlaps recognizable fragments of Chinese landscape painting, with transfers of French wallpapers and rustic panoramas from art history directly onto the surface.

Jackie Tileston was recently awarded a prestigious Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant to Painters and Sculptors. In 2006 she received a Guggenheim Fellowship, in 2004 a PEW Fellowship in the Arts, and in 2005 she was honored with a Bellagio Residency in Italy from the Rockefeller Foundation. Jackie Tileston received a B.A. from Yale University in 1983, an M.F.A. from Indiana University in 1988, and was a Core Fellow in the residency program of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston from 1988-1990.

Her work has appeared in exhibition venues throughout the U.S. such as: ArtPace in San Antonio, Contemporary Art Museum in Houston, Delaware Center for Contemporary Art, Galveston Art Center in Texas, McKinney Avenue Contemporary in Dallas, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Philadelphia Art Alliance in Pennsylvania, The Gallery at the University of Texas at Arlington, University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and the University of Texas in San Antonio.

Her work is in the permanent collections of the Dallas Museum of Art, The Art Museum of South Texas in Corpus Christi, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, and the West Virginia University Art Museum.

Holly Johnson Gallery is located at 1411 Dragon Street in Dallas. Gallery hours are 11 am to 5 pm, Tuesday - Saturday. The gallery is a member of Contemporary Art Dealers of Dallas. For more information call 214-369-0169, email [info@hollyjohnsongallery.com](mailto:info@hollyjohnsongallery.com), or visit the website at [www.hollyjohnsongallery.com](http://www.hollyjohnsongallery.com).