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Alice Tippit
Imagine That You Are Embracing a Statue
September 8 – October 13, 2012
Opening Saturday, September 8th, 6-9pm



Jancar Jones Gallery is excited to announce an exhibit of new work by Chicago-based artist Alice Tippit. The exhibit will include a variety of paintings and works on paper.

Through the use of graphic visual forms within her paintings in addition to the implementation of appropriated and found imagery, Tippit iterates and addresses her interest in the operations of language and the creation of meaning. By employing elements of graphic design and modernist, hard-edged painting styles, she is able to adjust and modify relationships within as well as between individual works. Her depictions often parallel a moment in mid-twentieth-century graphic design in which human emotions or psychological studies were illustrated on paperback book covers as simple diagrammatic geometric forms interacting with one another. A language unto themselves, they did not make use of preexisting signs or signifiers but rather used simplistic, recognizable, and yet relatively neutral, shapes and colors to effectively and quite profoundly produce visual relationships and hence project very specific feelings or gestures while remaining ambiguous enough so as to allow interpretation and inquiry.

For the show, Tippit's body of work is centered on the idea of a language in which ambiguity or denial is the main feature. The idea of withdrawal is alluded to in her use of an image of Greta Garbo who at the age of 36 abandoned a successful film career. Garbo's subsequent attempts to deny and control her image are a well-documented legend. The pursuit of Garbo, and her attempts to elude her pursuers, can be understood as parallel to Tippit's efforts to reduce, or even undo the easy application of meaning to her work.

Alice Tippit was born in Independence, KS and received her BFA from and is currently completing her MFA at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her work was most recently shown at Peregrine Program in Chicago and at Important Projects in Oakland, CA. This will be her first solo show in Los Angeles.

For more information please contact Eric Renehan Jones or Ava Jancar at info@jancarjones.com or visit www.jancarjones.com. Jancar Jones Gallery is located at 1031 N. Broadway in Chinatown, Los Angeles. The gallery is open Thursday - Saturday, noon - 5pm and by appointment.