

## **GALLERY 263**

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### ***Paper Tiger***

*On view:* Thursday November 3 - Sunday November 20, 2011

*Reception:* Saturday, November 11, 2011, 7-10pm

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**Cambridge, MA-** Gallery 263 is proud to present *Paper Tiger*, an exhibition conceived and executed by Mishayla Greist Schmidt and Mary Goldthwaite-Gagne.

They are childhood friends who decided to embark on this conversational collaboration in which they can draw from shared experience while working communally. The term “paper tiger” is the English translation of a Chinese phrase that is used to refer to something that is intimidating at first glance, but in actuality is nothing to be afraid of. The exhibition identifies specific paper tigers of personal experiences and expresses them through works on paper.

This show is the product of two months of intensive work completed collectively and in the artists respective home studios. Initially, the two artists approached the theme by talking it through, and came to the conclusion that their own paper tigers were all connected to fear and anxiety. The resulting collages and paper works integrate letterpress printmaking, drawing, and painting processes. The artists have chosen to unpack the theme by literally deconstructing the imagery that they have each created and then rebuilding the raw materials into compositions that neither would have come to on her own.

Ultimately, the conclusion is hopeful. Anyone can create extensive lists of the things that they have survived, become, and endured. Once one is on the other side of those experiences the harmless nature of the paper tiger is revealed.

*For more information, please contact Executive Director, Laura Francis by email, laura@gallery263.com. Gallery hours: Th/F, 1-6pm; S/Su, 12-5pm.*



*Lurk*, mixed media, 6.25" x 3"



*Fasnacht*, mixed media, 10" x 8"



*Just Like My Mom*, mixed media, 8" x 10"