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***Re-Paint*: G263 First Juried Exhibition**

Opening reception Thursday July 9, 7-9 pm

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Gallery 263 is pleased to present its first juried exhibition, *Re-Paint*. Organized and curated by Laura Francis, the exhibition features nineteen artists. The common thread uniting the group is the use of a 50/50 ratio, preserving and altering areas of a found work of art in pursuit of a new complete resolution. The intention of the “re-paint” theme was to encourage artists to find inspiration in a finished surface and re-invigorate it with a second breath of life. As the 50/50 ratio was the only pressing requirement, artists had the unrestricted liberty of choosing their own medium and content, the result of which is an extremely diverse body of work.

The original surfaces range from old works of the artists to paintings acquired at thrift stores or by other scavenging means. The most successful interpretations of the group were works that truly integrated aspects of the original, creating a seamless transition between old and new. While the visual transitions are not necessarily smooth, the under paintings act as indispensable passages of the surface which compliment the new to form a whole. Juried by Laura Francis, Jed Speare (Director of Studio Soto) and Annie Newbold (Curator and Co-Director of Gallery 263), the group was judged on the comparison between before and after, the innovative quality of the work, and how the finished product stood alone. An example of a successful “re-paint” is William Mayo’s “Losing You and Finding You in Other Faces” where he took a predominately blue painting of an interior of a hanging painting and a table with lemons and a pitcher of water, and transformed it into the striking portrait of a young woman. The under painting comes through the woman’s face giving the work a surrealist quality which is then mirrored in the application of the portrait.

Please stop by the gallery to see all the “re-paints”. Gallery 263 is opened to the public Thursday through Sunday, 11 am to 6:30 pm. For more information about the gallery, please visit www.gallery263.com.

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