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GALLERY

Laurel Delaney: Myth - Illogical Encaustic Narratives are a Treat for the Senses

Opening Reception: Friday, November 20, 6-9 p.m.

CHICAGO –Artist Laurel Delaney’s exhibition of paintings and sculptures in encaustic is truly a treat for the senses. Mixing her interest in mythology, psychology, and the metaphysical with the ancient medium of encaustic has produced visual magic in her solo exhibition *Myth-Illogical* at Woman Made Gallery from Friday, November 20 through Wednesday, December 23, 2009. Delaney will demonstrate some of her encaustic techniques on Saturday, November 28 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Woman Made Gallery.

What is it with this ancient medium of encaustics that force a closer look, a possible touch, recognition of some familiar aroma? Delaney explains that “pigments are mixed into molten wax and resin, and each hot brush stroke must be fused to the previous layer either with a torch, heat gun or simply the sun. It is an amazing alchemical process that allows for burying and rediscovering imagery by scraping back the surface. Unlike oils or acrylics, the paintings are always “alive” and simply by applying heat can be worked into again.”

Traveling and experiencing other cultures has had a major impact on Laurel Delaney’s art. She studied Renaissance Art in Italy and ancient Mayan cultures and the influences of Spanish art in Mexico. With her recent move from Illinois to Arizona she has embarked upon a new series of work influenced by the many Native American tribes in the region. She is an exhibiting artist and writer with a BA from Dominican University in River Forest and a BFA from the School of the Art Institute in Chicago. She also teaches workshops in encaustic wax techniques as an affiliate of R&F Paints in Kingston, New York. For more information visit www.laureldelaney.net.



Join us for a demonstration of encaustic techniques by Laurel Delaney at Woman Made Gallery on Saturday, November 28, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS AT THE GALLERY:

Group Show: *Cross Pollination*

Group Show: *Family Album*

Solo Show: Laurel Delaney's *Myth - Illogical*

Artisan Gallery: *Invitational* with fine craft works

Woman Made Gallery

685 N. Milwaukee Ave.

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Website: www.womanmade.org

<http://womanmade.org/show.html?type=solo&gallery=delaney2009&pic=1>

Gallery Hours: Wed-Fri noon-7p.m./Sat-Sun noon-4p.m. / Admission: Free

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