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**Destroy Edit Transform**
Andrea Burgay

February 11 - March 13, 2016

Opening Reception: February 11, 6-8pm
DUMBO’s First Thursday Art Walk: March 3, 6-8pm

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A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to present *Destroy Edit Transform*, an exhibition of new large scale and sculptural collage works by Fellowship Artist Andrea Burgay. This is Burgay’s first solo exhibition in New York.

Andrea Burgay’s work elevates the overlooked and the mundane through a process of cutting, reconfiguring and unifying a variety of handmade, found and discarded materials. The works are assembled by a process of forming visual and cognitive connections between each fragment. The resulting collages and sculptures are colorful, densely layered interior landscapes that bear the markings of their visceral transformations, often referencing cycles of life, death and decay or imagery related to transcendence.

In this exhibition, Burgay references and conflates artistic, domestic, religious and ritual objects. Burgay’s transformation of discarded fragments into new forms unifies the everyday with the spiritual, entreating the viewer to reconsider the space between the two. We are invited to destroy, edit and transform our experience of material and imagery.

**Andrea Burgay** (1981) received her BFA from the School of Visual Arts and is from Syracuse, NY. She has exhibited nationally and internationally including; Unimedia Modern Contemporary Art (Genoa, Italy), Galerie Zurcher (Paris, France), BRIC Rotunda Gallery, Flux Factory, Airplane, Groundfloor Gallery, and STOREFRONT Bushwick (all in NY). Recent exhibits include Arshile Gorky and a selection of contemporary drawings, (Outlet, 2014) and Works On/With Paper (Concepto Hudson, 2015). Burgay teaches in NYC public schools with Studio In A School. For more on the artist, visit www.andreaburgay.com

A.I.R.'s Fellowship Program is now in its 23rd year and it provides a twelve month intensive program for emerging and underrepresented women artists in the development of their careers. Fellows receive a solo exhibition at the gallery, workshops with professionals in the field, studio visits, mentorship with an A.I.R. artist and a life-long relationship with the A.I.R. community. To find out more about the program, please visit our website: www.airgallery.org

For all press inquiries, please contact: Jamie Sterns, Exhibitions Director.

The gallery is wheelchair accessible.