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**Recent Paintings**
Ivy Dachman

October 13 - November 13, 2016

Opening Reception: October 13, 6-8pm
DUMBO Art Walk: November 3, 6-8pm

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A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce *Recent Paintings*, an exhibition by Alumnae Artist Ivy Dachman. This is her eighth solo exhibition in New York City, and fifth exhibition at A.I.R. Gallery.

The exhibition presents a selection of paintings completed during the last year, in which Dachman has changed the format of her canvas: from a long rectangle to a near square. While the sense of scale generated by Dachman’s work has always been imposing and big, the work presented in *Recent Paintings* creates a perception of size from within the painting rather than from its physical aspect. The strong gestures and forms take precedent over the canvas itself, and hint to sizes that expand beyond the fabric and verge on the huge.

These works are created by using a richly layered compendium of painterly procedures. Beginning intuitively Dachman adds, subtracts, obscures and shapes, discovering forms and relationships that could never have been predicted.

The compositions reveal vivid organic shapes, gradations of color, exchanges between translucency and opaqueness and explorations between the figure/ground relationship. What remains on the seemingly aged and weathered surfaces is a toggle between awkwardness and elegance, roughness and refinement. The history of each painting is compressed within its layers and opened for every viewer that wants to entertain the idea of contemplation.

Ivy Dachman is a graduate of The Cooper Union (BFA), and Queens College (MFA). Her work has been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States and is included in numerous private and corporate collections. Additionally, she was a recipient of the New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship in Painting.

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The gallery is wheelchair accessible.