The Red Studio
Joan Snitzer

September 5 – 29, 2013

DUMBO 1st Thursday: Thursday, September 5th, 2013, 6-9pm

Opening Reception: Saturday, September 7th, 2013, 6-8pm

A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce Joan Snitzer’s solo exhibition, The Red Studio. This show will be on view from September 5th – 29th, 2013. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, September 7th, from 6-8:00pm.

Snitzer’s The Red Studio, is a wall installation composed of painted canvases and common objects found in an artist’s studio. The project pays homage to Henri Matisse’s work of the same title created just over a century ago. Snitzer’s images are represented in three dimensions and references to the studio are installed as organized objects within a thin pencil grid drawn directly onto the walls of the room. The artist’s studio as installation contrasts Matisse’s use of space flattened into a painting. Snitzer’s project re-contextualizes objects that normally exist within the periphery of our everyday lives, reframing our ability to understand recognizable objects in the context of art and its relationship to contemporary visual display.

There is no single viewing point in Snitzer’s work, as the space of the studio and the art made within it are equally represented. This red studio is represented as an exhibition space as well as a private place in which the artist collects and creates objects. Employing a structure of repetition and organization by applying the color red, Snitzer’s work leads the viewer to evaluate the relationship between the objects created by the artist’s hand and those collected and accumulated from contemporary living. Art history and personal chronicles are cited through their recognizable relationship to the objects presented in this exhibition. This is key to the experience of Snitzer’s work and the show as a whole.

Joan Snitzer is currently a member of A.I.R. Gallery, and she has been associated with the gallery since 1976. She has exhibited her work widely within the United States and abroad. Presently, she is the Director of Visual Arts at Barnard College.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228 in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Gallery hours: Wed. – Sun., 11am to 6pm. For directions please visit www.airgallery.org. For more information please contact the Interim Director, JoAnne McFarland at 212-255-6651 or info@airgallery.org.

Image: Joan Snitzer, The Red Studio (Detail), 2013, mixed media

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