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Enterprising Machines: Recent Drawings Jessica Gondek

June 29 - July 30, 2017

Opening Reception: Friday, June 30, 6-8 pm
DUMBO's First Thursday Art Walk: Thursday, July 6, 6-8pm

A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce *Enterprising Machines: Recent Drawings* a solo exhibition by Jessica Gondek, comprised of a new body of mixed media drawings.

Enterprising Machines are works inspired by machine aesthetics that reference common tools and domestic utilitarian objects. Gondek's process begins with digital manipulations from original consumer catalogues published in the early 1900's for Pratt and Whitney tools, and the Enterprise Manufacturing Company, maker of domestic gadgets. The digitally printed elements Gondek composes recall blueprints or plans, and create a foundation for the modification of the context of these implements.

Drawing from observation of actual objects allows for transposition, and mutability between layers of printed and observed information. The objects explored are simultaneously transformed denying their original functional purpose, asserting an animated physical presence and internal narrative.

Jessica Gondek is an artist/teacher living in the Chicago area. She received her M.F.A. from Washington University in St. Louis, and her B.F.A. from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is an Associate Professor of Fine Arts at Loyola University Chicago, and teaches Drawing and Painting in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts.

Ms. Gondek has received a number of prestigious awards and residencies recognizing her creative work. Notable are a Pollock-Krasner Foundation Artist Grant, a Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts Grant, and a Mid-America Arts Alliance National Endowment for the Arts Grant. Ms. Gondek has been recognized with a number of international artist residency awards. She has been an artist in residence at the Can Serrat International Art Center in Spain, and at the Frans Masereel Center in Belgium. Jessica Gondek has exhibited her work nationally and internationally and is represented in many public collections. Her work has been featured in solo exhibitions at the Northern Illinois University Art Museum, the Loyola University Art Museum, and the Butler Institute of American Art Beecher Center. She is a member of ARC Gallery and Educational Foundation and Woman Made Gallery in Chicago.

For more on the artist, visit www.jessicagondek.com.



Jessica Gondek, *Enterprising Machines*, 2015, Charcoal, pastel, and digital print, 46 x 29 inches



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The gallery is wheelchair accessible.