

threesquared

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Detail-Untitled, gouache and acrylic on paper, 7" x 7", 2011

Strong in the Broken Places **Jodi Hays**

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This winter, **threesquared** presents an exhibition of new works by Nashville-based artist Jodi Hays. *Strong in the Broken Places* will feature recent oil paintings and works on paper.

In this exhibition, Hays uses physical space as metaphor for psychological space. Through a deft and deliberate balance of line and form, she leverages images one might associate with marking transitions or temporal site: construction fences, festoons, and caution tape. The work's constant thread is an inquiry into how quotidian images can explore personal circumstance and transcend themselves. A process the artist terms "a kind of *aesthetic redemption*."

Jodi Hays studied Foundations at School of Visual Arts and graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Art with a BFA in Drawing. She pursued studio and curatorial projects in Boston where she lived, then earned her MFA from Vermont College of Fine Art. She has been a resident at the Cooper Union School of Art and the Vermont Studio Center. She has exhibited her work at venues including the Brooks Museum of Art (Memphis, TN) and Boston Center for the Arts. Public collections include the J. Crew Company, National Parks of America and Gordon College (Wenham, MA). Publications include Studio Visit Magazine (Open Studio Press, Boston, MA) and her work can be viewed through Gallery ELL (Brooklyn) and The Drawing Center (NYC). She is the 2011-12 recipient of the \$5000 Individual Artist Fellowship from the Tennessee Arts Commission.

The opening art party will be held on Friday, February 10th from 6 to 9 pm. Wine and light refreshments will be served. Parking is free.

ABOUT THE GALLERY

Located in the historic Chestnut Square Building, **threesquared** is a contemporary art space dedicated to showcasing artwork that exemplifies the highest standard of aesthetic and technical expertise. **threesquared** is directed by Dane Carder, whose studio space currently houses the gallery. Sara Estes is the curator. Aside from opening art parties, the gallery is open by appointment. For more information, visit threesquaredgallery.com.