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Nancy Brooks Brody

SUITES IN SPACE: Merce Drawings and Color Forms

Curated by Alhena Katsof

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Opening Reception: Saturday, April 5, 6 – 8 pm

Andrew Kreps Gallery is pleased to present a solo exhibition by New York artist, Nancy Brooks Brody in the 535 West 22nd Street gallery. The exhibition, *SUITES IN SPACE: Merce Drawings and Color Forms*, features two new series of works. *Merce Drawings* are linear compositions executed on top of still photographic images of Cunningham performances, which foreground shapes made by the body as it traveled through space and time. To create *Merce Drawings*, Brody prints low-res images culled from the Internet onto newsprint. These photographs of dancers' bodies capture a tilted head or a shift in weight to create fixed points that guide the visual plane. While Brody makes several prints of the same image, each unique work underscores the live act of drawing - the unpredictability and the inscription of movement onto time. The painting-objects, *Color Forms*, are further meditations on the impression a body leaves behind. For these works, Brody embeds enamel-painted shapes made of lead into shallow clefts carved directly into the wall. An extension of her life drawing practice, they are characteristic of Brody's investment in transmissions, transitions and form.

Brody creates painting, drawing and sculptural works in which the tension between precision and chance give way to a sense wonder. In this exhibition, she continues her consideration of abstract forms inspired by traces of corporeality.

Nancy Brooks Brody was born in New York, where she lives and works. She has exhibited two solo shows at Virgil de Voldere Gallery, New York. Selected groups exhibitions include Brooklyn Museum, New York; La Mama La Galleria, New York; FRAC Haute-Normandie, France; White Columns, New York; Slingshot Project, Brussels; Artists Space, New York; Vera List Center for Arts and Politics, New York and The Drawing Center, New York. Nancy Brooks Brody has been a member of the queer women's collective, fierce pussy, since 1991.

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