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Ann Pachner, *No Thing*, May 27 – June 21, 2008
Opening Reception, Thursday May 29, 6pm-8pm.

NEW YORK, NY, May 27, 2008 – A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce gallery artist **Ann Pachner's** solo exhibition, *No Thing*. The exhibition will be on view from May 27 – June 21 2008, with an opening reception on May 29 from 6pm to 8pm.

No Thing is a body of work consisting of drawings and archival digital prints. Together, these explore both the nature of print as a progression of states and the more personal exploratory process of sifting into a generative place of silence through mark-making and meditation. Pachner's lines suggest hair, water, and fire. The arc from silence to form exemplifies the process of building consciousness, recognition and resonance.

Four by five foot pencil drawings stand side by side with color and black and white digital archival prints of these same images transformed. Taking a pencil drawing and using the computer and Photoshop to replace traditional printing processes in order to achieve color and tone. These new prints and drawings continue to explore the central images of Pachner's previous woodcarvings: the lingam and the skirt/blossom—both of which pervade "ecstatic" traditions. Pachner's work is born out of a personal struggle between one's physical and emotional nature and one's sublime nature. *Sabbath*, prints from drawings from the 1980's, address the descent to a generative space. The present drawings *River of Love*, *Indwelling* and *My Animal Coat* address the currents of emotions and their transformative power while being held in meditation and on the page.

Pachner has had seven one-person shows at A.I.R. gallery and has practiced meditation for forty years. She has used this continuity as a means of freely pursuing and examining her deepest personal interests in a public setting among a highly evolved peer-group of artists.

Pachner is a recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts grant and a New York Foundation for the Arts grant. The works in this show have been printed by Working Artist Ink, her fine arts printing service.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 511 West 25th Street, NYC. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11am-6pm. For more information please contact Gallery Director, Kat Griefen at 212.255.6651 or kgriefen@airgallery.org.

