

HEATHER JAMES FINE ART ANNOUNCES END OF SEASON DUAL EXHIBITIONS

ON THURSDAY MAY 22, 2009!



(Palm Desert, CA)—On Friday, May 22nd from 6-8 p.m. Heather James Fine Art (HJFA) will present the last show of the gallery's debut season titled *Attention to Detail / Samuel T. Adams* – a cutting edge and contemporary ensemble of emerging and mid career artists. The public is invited to attend and should RSVP by calling Kimberly Nichols at 760-346-8926 or via email to kimberly@heatherjames.com.

Attention to Detail features a selection of female artists creating progressive work with innovative materials, style components, or meticulous details hearkening back to the old sewing circles where women were able to exercise their repressed creativity through more conventional arts and crafts. Artist Alyssa Pheobus incorporates cross-stitched patterns and song lyrics into modern and simplified tapestries, creating poignant expressions of the feminine versus the feminist. Sherin Guirguis uses the process of cutting to inform paper and wood patterns into sculpture and traditional paintings. Maria E. Pineres' delicate woven portraits of iconic imagery from the political, cultural and homoerotic worlds all come daintily stitched onto their loom-like foundations which become crucial to the piece. Marietta Hoferer's use of transparent and fibrous miniscule pieces of tape to create all white linear patterns, strata and minor topographies become stunning catchers of light, shadow and surprise. Colleen Sanders' paintings of exquisitely detailed tresses and unlikely ingredients formulate containers for pictures that arise within the

negative space. Finally, Indian artist Sheba Chhachhi uses the moving light box medium as a way to juxtapose her culture with the world the world at large.

A special "curator's choice" of pieces by emerging Otis School of Art and Design students will also be presented in a secondary area by promising young female artists.

The Projects Room upstairs will house a solo exhibition by Samuel T. Adams, one of HJFA's first season's hottest young contemporary stars whose use of traditional painting methods mingles with his use of new materials like acetate and the introduction of chaos to create wild and Seussian-like abstract cacophonies. Adams was written up by Steven Biller in the May 2009 issue of *Palm Springs Life* with a telling interview into the artistic process.

Heather James Fine Art is an 8,500 square foot gallery located at 45-188 Portola Avenue in Palm Desert featuring a wide array of art ranging from Impressionist and Modern art to Post-War and Contemporary, American, Latin American, Old Master, Photography and Design. The new Fine Art gallery is an expansion and evolution of the current Heather James Art & Antiquities, which continues to operate in the El Paseo location and provide clients with the finest in cultural antiquities and ethnographic art from all corners of the world. Hours are from 10-6 Monday through Saturday.