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BARBARA BLOOM
Takes One to Know One
(Absence-Presence)
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Tracy Williams, Ltd. is pleased to present our first exhibition of new works by Barbara Bloom.

Bloom's intricate and carefully staged work rarely deals with singular objects or images, rather with combinations of elements and the meanings implicit in the placement. She has an ongoing interest in the fragile workings of the absent and invisible. The subject of absence permeates her work. It is seen in the form of shadows, traces, Braille, watermarks, microfiche. Bloom has come to refer to the absences as "Visual Innuendo," the subject is perhaps best summed up by the saying: "*A drink before, and a cigarette after, are the three best things in life.*"

In works shown here she further explores the subject of absence but now coupled with the notion of presence. Upon entering the gallery one sees shadows cast on a translucent wall. The shadows cast by a row of empty metal stands that rest behind the wall: a music stand, a plant stand, and a birdcage stand. On the other side of the translucent wall, one sees the empty stands each missing the object they were made to hold. On the wall opposite are corresponding images: poetic presences completing that which is missing in the stand.

Other works take the form of a variety of couples. "Two's" are interesting phenomena. They point not only to absence and presence, but also set up other dichotomies: the object and its reflection, the object and its depiction, the object and its traces. The sensitive placement of these pairs accentuates the peculiarity and beauty of the gallery spaces.

Bloom's work has been shown internationally. She was recently Artist in Residence at The Getty Research Center, Los Angeles. In 2008, a large survey of her work titled, "The Collections of Barbara Bloom" will show at The International Center of Photography, New York, accompanied by a book published by Steidl.

For further information and images, please contact the gallery at 212.229.2757.
Gallery Hours: Tuesday- Saturday, 11-6

Please join us for the opening Friday the 4th of May from 6 to 8 pm