

## News Release

### MIT List Center Offers New York Painter REBECCA PURDUM First One-Person Museum Exhibition

*REBECCA PURDUM: Paintings*, on view at the MIT List Visual Arts Center March 14 through April 22, is the first one person museum exhibition for this young New York painter. The artist will attend a public preview Tuesday, March 13, from 5-7 pm. Purdum has had several one-person gallery exhibitions and was featured in the highly acclaimed United States/Soviet Union exchange exhibition *10+10*, currently on tour to eight museums in the US and the USSR. Her work has been featured in articles in *The New York Times*, *Artforum*, *Arts*, *Art In America*, and *Art News*.

Purdum's large canvases, which she paints with her fingertips, are noted for their robust but delicately handled color. In the exhibition catalogue published to accompany the exhibition, Curator Dana Friis-Hansen has written: "While much of the art of the past decade charms by testing or teasing the intellect, the work of this young New York painter stirs the spirit--a risky, often unrewarded task in these complicated times. In Purdum's paintings, it is as if we peer into the æther, that rarefied element mixing matter and atmosphere formerly thought to compose the upper regions of space. With magical effect, Purdum delicately balances the use of paint for its physical capacities with the illusion it can offer the eye." Eight major paintings represent nearly five years of work.

A 36-page catalogue with an essay by Dana Friis-Hansen, eight color plates, a biography and bibliography has been published to accompany the exhibition, and is available at the gallery desk or by mail.

Also on view - Paper Architecture: New Projects from the Soviet Union, and an exhibition of cameras and photographs by Chicago-based artist Jno Cook.

Admission to List Center galleries and events is free and open to the public. Hours: Weekdays 12-6; Weekends 1-5. Gallery phone: 253-4680.

The MIT List Visual Arts Center is located in the Wiesner Building at 20 Ames Street, five minutes from the Kendall Square Red Line T stop.