
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Houston Gallery Row**2707 Colquitt St
Houston, TX 77098**ERASED****NICOLE CHARBONNET AND ROSEMARY BARILE***Laura Rathe Fine Art Presents New Works By Nicole Charbonnet and Rosemary Barile In Houston, TX*

(Houston, TX – May 8, 2014) – Acclaimed Houston gallery, Laura Rathe Fine Art, announces the exhibition of new paintings by **Nicole Charbonnet and Rosemary Barile** with an opening reception on Saturday, June 7th, 2014, from 6 - 9pm.

The Erased collection will be on view through July 5, 2014.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS**NICOLE CHARBONNET**

LRFA introduces Nicole Charbonnet, painter from New Orleans, LA, with her first exhibition in Houston. Charbonnet's multilayered, textural paintings serve as a metaphor for the phenomenon of recollection. Her work embodies the processes of memory through layers of watery washes of paint, reminiscent of frescos, that veil images of popular culture. From cowboys to comic book figures, Charbonnet uncovers and recovers these images to portray the nuances of memory. Her paintings are ultimately the combination of what she calls the "superimposition of textures, images, collage, words and paint which create surfaces that retain or reveal a memory of preexisting stages" where some images remain visible and others are obscured.

After graduating from the University of Virginia, Charbonnet went on to receive her MFA from Boston University where she served as a Teacher's Assistant. She has been featured in many solo shows across the country and has been awarded numerous foundation grants, fellowships, and residencies.

ROSEMARY BARILE

The Sante Fe artist, Rosemary Barile, is heavily influenced by Japanese fiber art. Silk is incorporated into the majority of her panels onto which she employs Shibori (resist) dyeing techniques. The fabric is rusted against metal or oxidized on copper building intricate patterns reminiscent of those found in nature. All together with encaustic; a combination of molten, pigmented beeswax and damar resin that hardens as it cools, the paintings are uniquely organic with a serene, soothing quality.

Barile received both her BFA and MFA from the University of Washington in Seattle and attended the Shibori Symposium in Japan. Her work has been exhibited throughout the United States.

ABOUT LAURA RATHE FINE ART

Formally established in 1998, Laura Rathe Fine Art represents a dynamic artist roster including emerging, mid-career, as well as blue-chip contemporary artists. With a primary focus on abstract expressionist painters, LRFA also represents sculptors, mixed media artists, and photographers.

Located in the heart of the gallery and design districts of Houston and Dallas, Texas, LRFA provides art consultation services, hosts exhibitions and actively participates in notable art fairs. LRFA artists have been acquired into important private collections, as well as world-renowned corporate art collections, including BBVA Compass and HKS Architects Headquarters.

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