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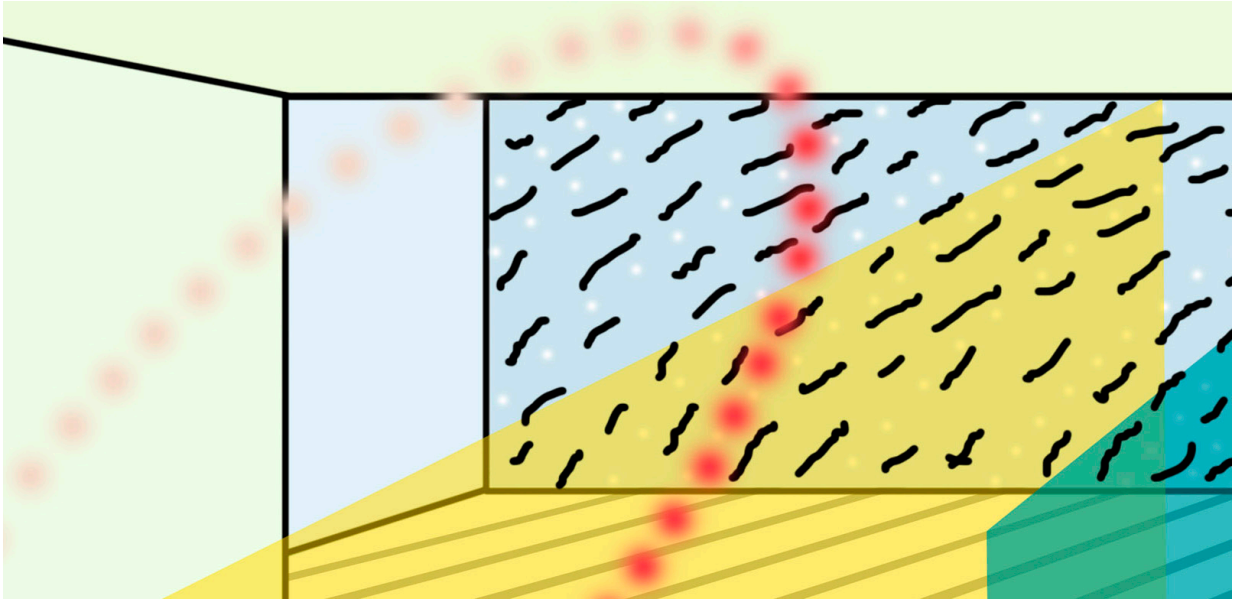

## ANITA THACHER
## *LEEWAY*

**NOVEMBER 17, 2011–JANUARY 7, 2012**
**OPENING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 6–8PM**

Mixed Greens is pleased to present an installation by Anita Thacher. Her project, *Leeway,* will illuminate the gallery's windows and offer a bright change of perspective on 26th Street as we enter the winter months.

Thacher is known for her work in a variety of mediums including film, public art, installation, painting, sculpture, photography, and printmaking. The importance of materiality and the conceptual nature of each medium provide fertile ground for each new body of work. With *Leeway,* she continues her exploration of materiality, site-specificity, and perceptual transformation. The installation–composed of Duratrans, mini LED lights and colored gels–plays with the geometry of the three windows to reveal juxtapositions between architectural lines, organic marks evocative of a landscape, and areas of bright light and shadow. The exact placement of these elements creates a moment of pure illusionistic space, transforming the two-dimensional into the three-dimensional.

Thacher's multi-disciplinary practice is straightforwardly defined. In her words: *I "draw" with a variety of mediums–light, string, tape, film, installation, paper shreds, ceramics, iron, and paint as well as pencil and more.* In *Leeway,* the drawn images are crisp and clear, mixing a cartoon-like hard edge with a looser evidence of the artist's hand. The design of the installation, is itself, a kind of "drawing," urging passersby into its vibrant space.

*Anita Thacher is a New York-based artist who has received numerous grants and awards from institutions including The National Endowment for the Arts, The New York State Council on the Arts, The Pollock-Krasner Foundation, and The New York Women in Film and Television Preservation Fund. Public collections include The Metropolitan Museum of Art, J. Paul Getty Museum, and The Museum of Modern Art. Her films have premiered at The New York Film Festival, Tribeca Film Festival, and New Directors/New Films at MoMA, and her work has been exhibited at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, MoMA, The Whitney Museum, The Hirshhorn Museum, Pompidou Center, and Jeu de Paume. She is also a fellow at MacDowell Colony and The Civitella Ranieri Center. Thacher's paintings are represented by Butler's Fine Art in East Hampton, NY; her prints are represented by Van Deb Editions, New York, NY.*

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