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Monika Weiss: Marginalia

MONTREAL November 13, 2008 - International multi-media artist Monika Weiss will be exhibiting new works at Galerie Samuel Lallouz later this month under the title *Marginalia* - a series of drawings, performative video and installation works. The vernissage will be held on November 27 at 5 pm and the show will continue through January 31, 2009. All are welcome to attend.

The exhibition includes *Keimai III*, a performative video and photographic installation produced for the FrauenMuseum, Bonn in Germany. Inspired by the life of Helene Mayer, a German-Jewish fencer who took part in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, *Keimai III* combines historical reflection with exploration of duration, gesture and trace as conditions of embodiment, through a parallel between drawing and fencing.

New York-based artist Monika Weiss continues to evolve her artistic language, using her own body as image and conduit. The artist is often depicted with blade in hand, an arresting rendition of Atropos for our time. In Greek mythology, Atropos was one of the three Goddesses of fate and destiny, and she carried shears, which cut the thread of life.

Critic and curator James D. Campbell recently wrote in a catalogue on the artist, *Five Rivers*, for Galerie Samuel Lallouz and the Lehmann College Art Gallery in New York:

“Monika Weiss is a native of intervals. She identifies in her work the mostly unthematized lapses, gaps, ruptures, cracks and holes wherein rapture grows like a wild rose in the wasteland of the heart and pursues them thematically and in terms of her own embodiment.”

This is true of all the drawings and photoworks in the current exhibition.

Opening: November 27, 2008, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The artist will be present for the opening.

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