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**Roberto Juarez:**

*New Paintings*

September 21 – October 21, 2006



Charles Cowles Gallery is pleased to announce our first exhibition of **ROBERTO JUAREZ**'s new paintings. In this body of work he continues his explorations of the relationship between order and disorder within the canvases. **JUAREZ** does this by setting linear visual parameters within his paintings (often in the form of grids and geometric shapes) and subsequently creating an interplay between the ordered line and the unruly brush stroke. Through his use of media, a sense of disorder by combining methods of collage, drawing, silk-screen printing, and, painting, **JUAREZ** creates a multiplicity of visual fields to engage the viewer. In his most recent work the layers shift positions and the underpainting asserts itself at the top and the grids and geometry receding to the level of support structure.

**JUAREZ** continues in the tradition of the abstract expressionists and color field painters letting the paint and color flow freely and automatically from his brush. His canvases have a strong graphic quality that is overlaid with a delicate layer of rice paper that mutes and softens the boldness of his gestures. On top of the rice paper, which is marked with a loosely worked grid, bifurcated circles line up to form shifting triangularities and circular formations. **JUAREZ** likens the patterns to the abstracted geometric images depicting the glory of heaven in Shaker “gift” drawings from the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**JUAREZ**'s works are in distinguished museum collections including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York; and Miami Art Museum, Florida. He recently had a one-person exhibition at the Scarfone-Hartley Gallery at the University of Tampa in Florida and there is a catalogue available from the show.

**The exhibition will be on view at the Charles Cowles Gallery, 537 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street, between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues in Chelsea. Hours are 10am to 6pm, Tuesday through Saturday.**

**There will be a reception for the artist on Thursday, September 21 from 6-8 pm.**

For further information or photographs, please contact the gallery.

Above image: *Water*, 2006, mixed media on canvas, 20 x 16"