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JUNE LEAF

“Drawings: Past and Present”
March 5th through April 10th, 2004

The Edward Thorp Gallery will exhibit a large survey of drawings by June Leaf spanning her career up to the present. Over the years June Leaf has created an impressive body of work in all media. This survey show of drawings from the late 1940's until now illustrates the full development of the artist's approach to this particular medium. Leaf's unique position as a determinedly independent woman artist is reflected in her prodigious graphic output. These works convey her conviction and integrity as an artist.

Drawing for Leaf is a means of tapping into the rich veins of imagery that are the product of her imagination. Drawing enables her to dramatize the dialogue between her interior and exterior lives, wrestling into visual form the conflicting lives of the characters she has invented. We see the birth of this personal vision, a mythic and poetic world populated by characters that transform themselves from one piece to another. From her origins in Chicago to her settling in New York and Nova Scotia, Leaf's work has reflected her response to her most immediate environs. While her earlier works are often bawdy and humorous her imagery has become increasingly introspective and romantic, in the process reflecting an Arcadian splendor.

Often related to other projects, whether sculptures or paintings, the drawings nevertheless exhibit an autonomy and directness of expression that is all their own. Charged with gestures of nervous energy and an intense questioning use of line, these drawings are eloquent statements by this important American artist.

June Leaf is married to the photographer Robert Frank. Her work is in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, The Art Institute of Chicago, and the Tel Aviv Museum of Art among others. A one-person exhibition of her work will be on view at the Tinguely Museum in Basel this Fall.

Gallery hours are from 11am to 6 pm Tuesday through Saturday, for more information please call (212) 691-6565 or www.edwardthorpgallery.com