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Les Yeux du Monde presents

Annie Harris Massie

Paintings and Drawings from the Landscape

4–29 November 2008

Opening Friday, November 7, 5:30-7:30 pm

Les Yeux du Monde is proud to present its third solo show of Annie Harris Massie, *Paintings and Drawings from the Landscape* from November 4 – 29, 2008. The show will open on Tuesday, November 4 and run through Saturday, the 29th, with a First Friday opening on November 7 from 5:30 – 7:30.

Landscape painter Annie Harris Massie, a resident of Lynchburg, Virginia, produces beautiful and ephemeral landscapes, drawing on what appears to be a fleeting afterimage to capture the essence of time, place, and space. The use of light in her works is what makes these images remarkable—light is an active player in the scene, dancing across objects and throwing others in shadow. As a result her landscapes remain imbued with a dynamic yet soft quality.

Massie also has a keen eye for what she calls the “essential character of a place.” Travels from Virginia to Mexico and Canada and Europe inspire her and she draws upon her skills to capture the distinctive building, façade, or tree that evokes the entire nature and attitude of a place, bringing her paintings into the language of the intensely vernacular.

Born in Charlottesville, Virginia, Annie Harris Massie resides in Lynchburg. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art from Hollins College and a Masters in Art History from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her work is held in numerous private and public collections including the Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, Virginia; Capital One in Richmond, and the Bank of the James, Lynchburg.

In addition to painting, Massie founded McKinnon and Harris, Inc. with her brother, William McKinnon Massie, Jr., to manufacture their original designs of furniture for the landscape. Their garden furniture has won numerous design awards and been featured in architectural and design publications such as the *New York Times Style Magazine*, *Architectural Digest*, *Southern Accents*, and *Town & Country*.

Paintings and Drawings from the Landscape is available for viewing between November 4 and 29, 2008, with a First Friday opening on November 7 from 5:30 until 7:30 pm. There will be a preview with the artist on Thursday, November 6 and a Feast on Art lunch with the artist on Wednesday November 12 at noon. For invitations and/or reservations for these special events please call 973-5566 or by email the gallery LesYeuxduMonde@aol.com

The gallery is open Tuesday through Thursday, 11-5, Friday and Saturday 11-6, and by appointment.

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