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Opening Reception: Saturday, May 9, 6:00-7:00pm
Featuring a talk with the artist from 6:00-6:30pm

Abstract this

*Imaginary games, and it makes no difference whether it is abstract or representational: the artist's work is a manifesto and primary art trade and suicide-vandalism, read, gazing, contestable, figuring.*

Ad Reinhardt, Art (or Art, 1985)

Let there be no mystery as to what Reinhardt's ghost would say: LIVE FREE OR DIE. For him, abstraction was anything but a choice. In a matter of historical necessity, as abstract painting was considered the paradigmatic expression of its time, abstraction had become the default position of the painter, and in this case, on essentialism that gave way to a steep incline. Before developing into a toff war with mimetic aspirations, abstract painting was seen as an avant-garde whose pioneers arrived at their signature styles in an empirical struggle of aesthetics. If abstract, proportionately, it was for the painter to make this art and to paint it in part because it did not define a painting; it puzzled the way it would by its generation.

Rebecca Morris' commitment to abstraction lies somewhere between the pure style and the virtual, a prerequisite for coping with a painting arising not only from across disciplines but within the discipline of painting itself. Abstraction is a new given, an option that is taken for granted as one of the tools of the painter. It alone has become a tool of the painter. It is, however, within a discipline that has become a field of specialization and subfields of painting. As for taking on the characteristics of a language.

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