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Civilian Art Projects launches the fall season with two eagerly awaited solo exhibitions: Nikki Painter, *Neon Planar*; and Marissa Long, *Offerings*. This is Painter's third solo exhibition with the gallery, and Marissa's first ever solo exhibition. Please join us on Friday, September 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for a public reception for the artists.

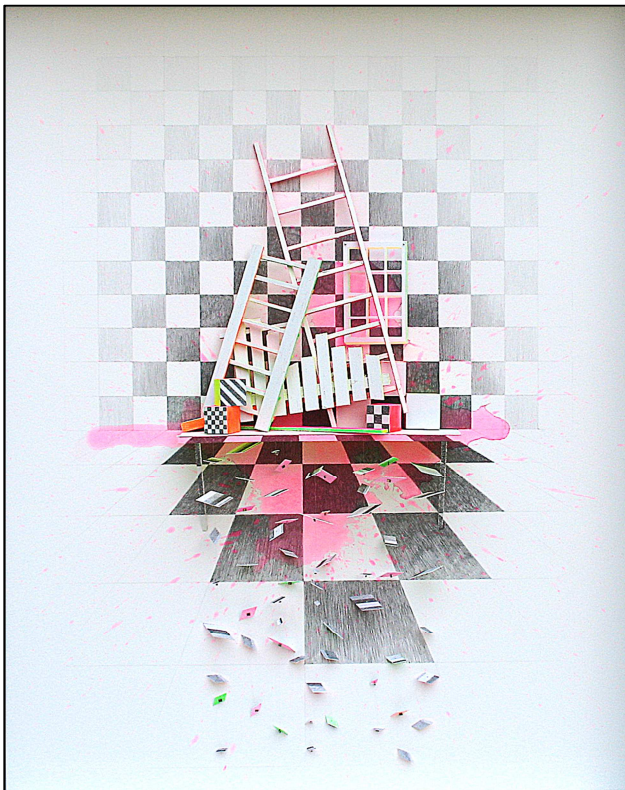
OPENING RECEPTION:

Friday, Sept. 13th 7pm - 9pm

EXHIBITION ON VIEW:

Sept 13 - October 19th

Nikki Painter: *Neon Planar*



For *Neon Planar*, Painter presents new drawings and a site-specific installation that, according to the artist, "continue to develop and expand a set of images, bright colors, and patterns to investigate the ways in which chaos and order interact and co-exist."

Painter conceived and refined her current practice while a graduate student at American University, and has continued to hone and expand the connections between constructed shapes and forms and frenzied, colorful chaos and deconstruction. She translates this concept into works on paper and entire room constructions.

In this latest series, the intensity and complexity of Painter's work has increased as her consideration of its meaning has deepened, leading to new discoveries. According to the artist, "Various configurations of signs and symbols serve as

stand-ins for personal experiences, and as metaphors for broader truths about the cyclical nature of relationships."

Nikki Painter graduated in 2009 with an MFA in Studio Art from American University. She received her BFA in painting and printmaking from the Virginia Commonwealth University.

She is the 2009 recipient of a Mellon Research grant, the Wolpoff Purchase Award, and Best in Show award from the Rawls Museum in Courtland, VA. Painter has had solo exhibitions with Civilian Art Projects, by whom she is represented in Washington, DC, and with the Rawls Museum in Courtland, Virginia. Her work has been shown at SCOPE Miami through Civilian Art Projects, X-Initiative's *No Soul for Sale* via Transformer, the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, and in *New American Paintings*, as well as being part of the Katzen Museum's permanent collection in D.C and numerous private collections. Nikki Painter currently resides in Chesterfield, Virginia.

Civilian Art Projects is an art gallery based in Washington, D.C. existing to support the voice and vision of the artist. The gallery is located in the Shaw neighborhood in downtown Washington near many major museums, galleries, and national treasures. For more information or high-resolution images, please contact the gallery.

Public viewing hours: Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday 1 to 6pm and by appointment.

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