

VALERIE CARBERRY GALLERY

Ill Form and Void Full

New photographs by Laura Letinsky
September 14, 2012 - November 3, 2012

Valerie Carberry Gallery is pleased to present *Ill Form and Void Full*, a new series of photographs by Laura Letinsky (b. 1962). The artist's first solo exhibition with the gallery, *Ill Form and Void Full* comprises photographs depicting lush spaces created when the elements of classical still life are flattened and reassembled with new intent.

Letinsky is a collagist of after-party leavings, selecting from and combining cut and torn images of food and table settings as the raw material for her final photographs. Through her process, the artist engenders a rare form of photographic authorship, one that confuses image with form, authenticity with reproduction, and ultimately imparts a uniquely self-aware type of longing. Before a finished photograph is taken, Letinsky contorts and remakes her selected scraps into small bands of intricate assemblages. Stripped of the connotations of advertising, these collage elements retain their magazine-spread saturated color but no longer evoke consumer desire. Such wants are supplanted through a different way of engaging with images: a lovingly skeptical viewpoint that renews the subject of its gaze by finding possibility in deterioration.

Valerie Carberry Gallery is open to the public 10-5, Monday through Friday, and 11-5 on Saturday. For additional information regarding the gallery, upcoming exhibitions, or reproductions, please contact Susan Beagley, 312-397-9990.



Untitled #16, 2011, archival pigment print on Hanhemule paper

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