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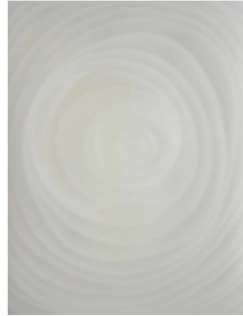
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Washington Project for the Arts presents the fifth installment of its series, *Coup d'Espace*:

Influence = Convergence

An exhibition of works by WPA member artists Joan Belmar and Minna Newman Nathanson

Belmar
Concentric white 2007
mylar/acrylic on masonite
21"x25"



Nathanson
Positive/Negative 2006
acrylic tubes/tubing
4.5" diam./25"h



Exhibition Dates: November 6 – 25, 2009

Exhibition Location: WPA Headquarters, 2023 Massachusetts Ave, NW

Opening Reception: Friday, November, 2009 6-8pm with an Artists Talk at 7pm

Washington, DC - Washington Project for the Arts presents the fifth installment of *Coup d'Espace*, a program that invites WPA member artists to stage their own exhibitions and programming in our Dupont Circle office space. For our November *Coup*, member artists Joan Belmar and Minna Newman Nathanson will use the space to mount a joint exhibition, *Influence = Convergence*.

"What happens when two artists – different in almost every way – share a working space?..."

When they met, Joan Belmar, a Chilean immigrant in his thirties, was painting colorful, two dimensional works incorporating linear runes and circles. Nathanson, a native Washingtonian in her seventies, produced formal statements in monochromatic bent steel and explored reflective effects with plastic and wire. After two years of sharing a studio-space, Belmar began work on a series of 3-dimensional 'paintings' using a minimalist palate, incorporating new materials such as mylar. Nathanson, on the other hand, began a series of wire 'paintings' incorporating a wider palette and animated linear elements and circles.

This exhibition demonstrates a convergence of two artists' aesthetics as a result of their time shared in a Dupont Circle studio space for two years. The exhibition will consist of several pairings of works that, unbeknownst to the artists at the time, demonstrate their influence on each other's practice.

Please join us for the opening of *Influence = Convergence* during November's Dupont Circle First Friday Art Walk on November 6th from 6-8pm. At 7:00 the two artists will give an informal talk about the works on view and their experience sharing a working space. This exhibition and the opening reception are free and open to the public. High resolution images available upon request.

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