

Kay Rosen: Don't Look Back

April 15, 2011 - April 15, 2012

South Stairwell

Gallery Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 10am – 8pm

Friday – Saturday: 10am – 5pm

Sunday: 12pm – 5pm

Image: Kay Rosen, *Don't Look Back*, 2011, latex paint on wall, dimensions variable



Chicago, IL (April 2011) - Hyde Park Art Center is proud to feature a new site-specific painting by the world renowned artist Kay Rosen from April 15, 2011 until April 15, 2012. Located along the building's clandestine south stairwell, *Don't Look Back* activates the complicated space and rewards those who explore the art center's architecture designed by Doug Garofalo.

The art installation incorporates the vertical climb of the stairwell into the concept of the work involving the Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice. Orpheus was the son of the god Apollo and the mortal Calliope, in order for the viewer to experience the heartbreak of the musician Orpheus and Eurydice.

Kay Rosen is most celebrated for her large-scale text works, which manipulate words both formally and in their connotation. Born in Corpus Christi, Texas, she lives between Gary, Indiana, New York, and Chicago where she taught at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago for nearly a decade. Rosen's work is featured in the collections of the Art Institute of Chicago; Museum of Modern Art and Whitney Museum of Art, NY among others. The artist selected exhibitions include: Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago; Aspen Art Museum; The New Museum of Contemporary Art, NY; MIT List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge, MA; Witte de With Centre for Contemporary Art, Rotterdam, Holland; Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney; Whitney Museum of American Art, NY; and Hirshorn Museum, Washington, D.C.

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