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Gallery at New World Stages, located at 343 West 49th Street in New York City, announces the opening of Flashback: Street Scenes by Daria Deshuk - The <u>Larry Rivers</u> Years, an exhibition of 24 original oil paintings by Daria Deshuk. The show will be on view from July 11 through September 5, 2011, with an Opening Reception on August 4, from 5 to 8 p.m.

"This series is about creating snapshots of life; my chosen imagery takes that reality and depth of the viewer to a level of universal and subjective intimacy. With paint and brush I strive to capture the essence and atmosphere of the ordinary and mindless vignettes of daily life," said Deshuk. "The work explores Intensity, Interaction, Passion and Mediation; the individual references the collective and art is created. The artist as voyeur steals selectively from the public environment of streets, parks, images that define a New York City American experience. Far beyond the standardized interpretation of reality provided by photography, painting allows me to capture the essence of human experience condensed into the stolen moment, and my choices as an artist extend reality by leading the eye in the re-orchestration of light space and the pure beauty of paint itself," concluded Deshuk.

Daria Deshuk studied Art at Parsons School of Design and received a BFA degree in Painting in 1978. She was part of the vibrant art scene in the early 1980s, living in the East Village and receiving an MFA in Painting from Hunter College. She was a member of P.S.122 Artist Space, where she worked and exhibited for 10 years. Daria met the artist Larry Rivers and at the age of 22 began a companionship of 15 years. Their son Sam Deshuk Rivers was born in 1985. Daria now resides full-time in Bridgehampton, NY, with her partner David Kushnir.

About Gallery at New World Stages

Gallery at New World Stages is a 150 linear foot exhibition space on two floors of the arts complex. The Hanging Art Organization currently manages curatorial duties for upcoming shows. Gallery at New World Stages 343 West 49th Street New York NY 10019 Gallery Hours: MON-SUN 10-6

About New World Stages

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