



GALLERY

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MARCIA CLARK IN SEARCH OF ICE

Recent Paintings from Travels in the Arctic

February 26 – March 22, 2008

Artist's Reception: Saturday, March 1, 3-6 pm

Marcia Clark's paintings at Blue Mountain Gallery reflect her recent travels to the Arctic. In 2006 she visited Norway's Svalbard Archipelago and in 2007 she was in northwest Greenland as artist in residence at the Upernavik Museum. Her focus in this exhibition is on the forever fluctuating, mutating, and transforming nature of the polar ice.

"Ice, Iceberg, Baffin Bay," shown above, was painted last spring in Upernavik. "The large iceberg in the distance was there when I arrived," said Clark, "and seemed as permanent and solid as a mountain until it suddenly disappeared a couple of weeks later." Another image that remained vivid from her travels was an ice tower which a French visitor referred to as "Notre Dame." It sat at the entrance to the Jacobshaven Fjord for over a month until it sailed off and was seen in the distance a few hours later, disappearing behind a spit of land.

"For Clark, a world without *terra firma* has led her to seek a new language evoking mutable form and shifting spaces."
Wendy Gittler

Clark has exhibited at venues that include the American Academy of Arts and Letters, Museum of the City of New York, Albany Institute of History and Art, Babcock Galleries and the University of Rhode Island. She has been a recipient of the Childe Hassam Award, a National Endowment of the Arts Artist in Residence grant and has written for *Smithsonian Magazine*, retracing travels of Thomas Cole, first of the Hudson River School painters. She was guest curator for an exhibition of contemporary panoramas at the Hudson River Museum and is currently artist/director of Blue Mountain Gallery. Clark has a BFA degree in painting from Yale University and a MFA degree from SUNY New Paltz. She teaches drawing at Parsons School of Design.

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