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Dike Blair

Prints

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Opening reception, April 2, 6-8pm



Volume Gallery is pleased to present the digital prints of 2004 Whitney Biennial artist Dike Blair. This collection of prints was co-produced by Volume specifically for this exhibition.

For roughly ten years, Blair has been producing limited print editions of his small gouache paintings on paper. After scanning and adjusting the images, he prints them with archival inks and paper, creating reproductions that are vibrant and immediate.

The subjects of these prints are the flowers and windows Blair has been painting for the last several years. The flowers are dense and lush, the windows frame varied skies and glasses; the two subjects seem to converse about man's experience of nature and of the spirit. For this exhibition, Blair has created three large new prints that embody this conversation on single sheets of paper.

The centerpiece of the exhibition is a broadside made in collaboration with **Tim Griffin**, the editor of *Artforum* magazine as well as a poet and musician. In "The Whole Atmospheric Trip" an excerpt of one of Griffin's sleek and branded poems scrolls between one of Blair's deep blue windows.

Dike Blair received an MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and attended the Whitney Museum Independent Study program. Blair is an associate editor of *Purple*, contributing editor of *The Thing* (www.thing.net), and has contributed to various magazines such as *Time Out NY*, *Paper Flash Art*, *Art News* and *ArtByte*. Dike Blair has been exhibiting since 1980 and show regularly at Feature Inc. He has also exhibited at the Whitney Museum, PS1, The Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum and The Centre Pompidou in Paris.

Volume is pleased to announce the appointment of new gallery director Vanessa Critchell. Critchell was previously an Assistant Curator at the Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain in Paris.

*Volume is also pleased to announce the launch of the **VOLUME** newsletter, which will be sent out and available during Dike Blair's show. It will highlight items from our stock and provide a preview of our upcoming shows.*

VOLUME gallery is devoted to showcasing art-related rare books, artists' books and text-based art in a variety of media.