

PATSY KREBS

“ELYSION”

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Opening Reception: Thursday, May 17th 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Haines Gallery is pleased to welcome the return of Bay Area artist Patsy Krebs with her fifth solo exhibition entitled “Elysion”. In the Dictionary of Classical Antiquities, Homer defines “Elysion” as the “beautiful meadow at the western extremity of the earth”, and mythically it is known as the place of afterlife. Krebs employs this word to represent her new series of watercolors as they each evoke an infinite focus on the horizon and a sense of an "other" place.

Utilizing a new format, an elongated rectangular panel, while retaining her minimalist aesthetic, Krebs offers her audience an alternative view of the horizon. The long, narrow shape lends to the perception of this apparent junction between earth and sky. Each painting presents an openness, an expanse, as well as an imaginary edge or border.

Rather than addressing the physical landscape, this body of work contemplates the human perception of horizon and how it is imprinted on the imagination. The horizon, which represents distance, balance and convergence, “neighbors the beyond, brings it within range, but holds it apart”. (Krebs 2001).

The “Elysion” series not only portrays distance and boundary - a sense of place - but also the existence of light which seems to radiate from the painting itself as well as from an exterior source. By utilizing color to create optical illusions of space, Krebs challenges the viewer’s perceptions of foreground and background. The resulting gradations offer a remarkably subtle presence and multitude of hue.

Patsy Krebs’ work resides in several prestigious Californian public collections including the Achenbach Foundation of the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco; Berkeley Museum of Art; San Jose Museum of Modern Art; Santa Barbara Museum of Modern Art,; and San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Norton Museum in Florida. This exhibition is accompanied by a full color catalogue including six reproductions and comments by the artist.

For further information or materials please contact Gina Fairley at 415.397.8114. Haines Galley is located at 49 Geary Street on the fifth floor. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10:30 - 5:30 and until 7:30 on the first Thursday of each month.

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