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Director's Foreword

This exhibition, Robin Hill - Multiplying the Variations , represents Robin Hill's most recent work, created on the east and west coast it shows an artist's work that is both sensitive to our surroundings and insightful to our memories. As an artist I find a particularly kinship with the work of Robin Hill in the way a finished work is so completely perfect. As a curator I feel that her research helps to make some of the most fascinating work I have ever experienced and I am very excited to be able to exhibit the work for others to enjoy.

Many colleagues have been instrumental in presenting this exhibition. I would like to thank Robin Hill for the chance to exhibit her incredible work and for her dedication to the exhibition. Raphael Rubinstein for his insightful essay, University Communications, California State University, Stanislaus for the wonderful catalog design and Claremont Print and Copy for their expertise in printing this catalog.

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Robin Hill's Art of Processes

by Raphael Rubinstein

A conceptually ideal approach to writing about Robin Hill's work would consist of taking some pre-existing text, preferably discovered by chance, and subjecting it to a number of transformative procedures. For instance, one could start with these words found in a statement by the artist: "My work assumes many forms. Underlying all of these forms is a response to matter and phenomena in my immediate vicinity" (see catalogue for "Proximity", *The Work Space*, New York, 2002). Imagine, if you will, these phrases repeated so that they filled this whole page, or even an entire book. Now imagine them shrunk to so small a size that the line of type looked like a stray hair on a page and could only be read with a powerful magnifying glass. Or suppose each term was replaced with its dictionary definition, enlarging the statement tenfold. The text could also be overprinted with other sentences, creating a kind of palimpsest, or turned around to read backwards: "Vicinity immediate my in phenomena and matter to response a is forms these of all underlying. Forms many assumes work my."

Far from being random, these proposed procedures for an experimental commentary on Hill's work are themselves derived from another text by the artist. In a statement written for her seminal *Blue Lines* exhibition (Lennon, Weinberg Gallery, New York, 1995) Hill described how "the formal principle which dictates the geometric possibilities in both the floor and wall drawings is the manipulation of one singular line formation, chosen at random, through repetition, enlargement, reduction, layering, and inversion." Visitors to this memorable show encountered large oil-stick drawings of intricately looped blue lines and, on the floor, 4,000 small blue plaster forms cast from paper cups. As Hill's description suggests, the plaster forms were arranged to echo the mandala-like configurations of the drawings, though at an even larger scale. As she says, she manipulated a linear motif by, in succession, repeating it, enlarging it, shrinking it, superimposing it and flipping it around.

From the beginning of her career, but more emphatically over the last decade, Hill has been an artist whose work is driven, in large part, by an insatiable

curiosity about what happens to forms and materials when they are subjected to various procedures (as in the morphing loops of *Blue Lines*). For this reason Hill is often seen as continuing the legacy of process art, and, indeed, she does owe a debt, openly acknowledged by the artist, to predecessors such as Eva Hesse. But there are also many points at which Hill's work diverges from much process-oriented art of the 1960s and 1970s. Perhaps the most important of these is Hill's emphasis on using a multiplicity of techniques and procedures. She is never content to simply apply one process to one material or to one form. Instead, she brings to bear as many of them as her imagination or an exhibition space can accommodate. What Hill makes is not so much process art as it is an art of processes.

The present exhibition offers striking examples of this fundamental feature of her practice. Look, for instance, at a pair of sculptural works, *Against the Wall* and *Concretion*, both created in 2004 and envisioned to be shown in tandem. *Against the Wall* consists of 100 circular elements affixed to the wall in a tight 110-by-110-inch grid. Each element is a 10-inch-diameter plywood disc onto which Hill attached some 120 handmade wax balls arranged in concentric circles. About the size of a jawbreaker candy, these balls, which are noticeably irregular, are held in place by more wax that has been poured into the interstices. As an ensemble, the work combines dense geometric patterning with a rich tactility. Structured around ever-smaller circles – the wood discs, the rings of wax balls, the wax balls themselves – *Against the Wall* has the part-to-whole dynamic of a mosaic. Its companion, *Concretion*, consists of 100 Hydrocal discs cast from the wood-and-wax discs of *Against the Wall*, but instead of being displayed as a wall relief, these lumpy white objects are pressed together on the floor to create a 182-inch-long tubular shape that suggests a core sample drilled from ground, a toppled column or a rolled-up carpet. As with *Blue Lines*, Hill here presents two versions of the same motif, using two different techniques and using two different strategies of presentation. Another significant difference, one that viewers might not immediately appreciate, is the enormous discrepancy of time that the two pieces required: certainly

there was a lot of work involved in casting the 100 units of *Concretion*, but even that represents a fraction of the labor required to make the roughly 9,000 wax balls of *Against the Wall*. (Although never actually visible, a sense of epic labor accompanies many of Hill's sculptures, hovering at the margins as part of their conceptual content.)

What are the implications of this approach? One, of course, is to stress the interrelatedness of various artistic mediums. Hill's frequent passage from drawing to sculpture to photography (in her cyanotypes) and from wall-hung to freestanding works, is a challenge to the stubborn academic and institutional tendency to segregate works by medium and artists by type (painter, sculptor etc.). On a larger scale, one of the things it invites us to consider is how everything that happens in the world, everything that has ever happened, is simply the rearrangement of matter: X number of molecules or atoms moved by some force from point A to point B. Therefore, a work of art is, at the most basic level, the result of material being transferred from one location to another: in the making of a painting, for example, paint is moved from tube to palette to canvas, or simply from can to canvas (trying, as Frank Stella once remarked, to keep the paint looking as good as it did in the can). Generally this movement of matter is taken for granted, but in Hill's work it often takes center stage, with illuminating results.

If Hill's multiple transformations (significantly, she titled her most recent New York show, in which much of the present work debuted, "Multiplying the Variations"), her carrying of forms from one medium or material to another, signals interrelatedness, so, too, does another important aspect of her practice: the use of objects – often found, sometimes salvaged, on other occasions bought – that were originally produced for some other purpose. She came across the plywood discs of *Against the Wall*, for instance, in a manufacturing surplus store in Berkeley (in a coincidence the artist notes, these were the identical size of the discs she fabricated for a 1997 piece, *add lint. re-coil. the rolls are now ready to serve*). Other works in this show are made from cotton batting gathered at a factory in Brooklyn that manufactures shoulder pads (*Dissipation*), thousands of small discs of mica discovered in a dumpster (*Mica and Pins*) and rusted stove parts that Hill found washed up on a beach in Nova Scotia (*Beach Debris*). This rusty flotsam is presented twice, displayed on a sand-covered table and in a series of cyanotypes (a photogram-

like process popular in the 19th century that Hill frequently employs). Her most recent work, the sculpture-photography-sound installation *Kardex* (2006), made in conjunction with composer Sam Nichols, uses a steel, visual storage, filing cabinet designed by James Rand Jr. for the American Kardex Company in 1915 for business use and no doubt a boon to information storage in the pre-computer era. This installation features walls of institutional green and sturdy utilitarian furniture typical of a 1950s back office. Hill clearly has a fondness for outmoded technologies; as she eloquently puts it, many of the things she works with have come to her "on the tide of a much greater obsolescence... the shift from 19th century industrial processes to the digital, the virtual, and the outsourced."

In each of these cases, the materials become ambassadors between the function- and profit-driven realms of industry and commerce (albeit those of yesteryear) and the less pragmatic world of art. Interestingly, when Hill uses such materials they almost never announce themselves as "industrial" or "found" (*Beach Debris*, where it's pretty clear we are looking at pieces of some functional device, is, like *Kardex*, an exception), which is in contrast to how industrial cast-offs are generally employed by artists. This seems to be largely the result of Hill's visual sensibility: in her scavenging she is attracted to items that aren't obviously functional, things that, when used in manufacturing, tend to end up concealed inside other materials or are discarded as remnants or byproducts. In *Dissipation*, for instance, it's unlikely that many viewers would be able to guess at the origin of these small discs of spongy cotton that Hill has made into 15 square sheets that move from the wall to the floor. Even more mosaic-like than *Against the Wall*, *Dissipation* surprisingly relies on friction alone to hold together the cotton elements (behind them is a sheet of paper with more cotton attached). In a recent in-depth interview with the painter Ron Janowich, Hill discusses the genesis of *Dissipation*, revealing how when she began to work with this material she wasn't at all sure what form it would take (early configurations included a curving line and a tree form). Her eventual discovery is a nuanced, haptic structure that builds on such precedents as Piero Manzoni's monochromes and wall-to-floor paintings by Ellsworth Kelly and others. Equally important in establishing interrelatedness is the way Hill incorporates those components she makes herself with the found elements: hers is a hybrid art in its seamless joining of the found and the handmade.

There is also interrelatedness to be seen in the modularity that runs through the work. The basis of this modularity is the unremarkable appearance of the individual parts. In her interview with Janowich she recalls how in *Blue Lines* “the idea with the cups was that each unit on its own was nothing. They became essential through their contribution to the whole.” This nothingness of the units acquires further meaning in *Mica and Pins*, a wall piece that Hill speaks of as a drawing. Once again the result of an intriguing dumpster find – countless tiny mica washers strung onto a long string – the work appears as sets of looping, interwoven diaphanous lines. In fact, it consists of thousands of closely spaced straight pins (placed according to a template) with a single mica washer hanging on each one. Looking something like miniature CDs, the semi-translucent washers reflect light but because of their innate irregularities and the different angles at which they come to rest on the pins, the lines they create are full of tonal nuance. The ghostly shadows cast by the washers and pins add to the immaterial qualities of this unconventional wall drawing. Another feature of *Mica and Pins*, perhaps not immediately evident, is how the quadrilateral drawings are constructed from single motifs submitted to Hill’s favored techniques of repetition and inversion.

Another technique that runs through Hill’s oeuvre is chance. Obviously, her reliance on whatever materials happen to be strewn in her path, her constant attention to her “immediate vicinity,” means that accident plays a central role in the genesis of each piece. If she hadn’t come across that string of mica washers, if she hadn’t had a studio near a shoulder pad factory, if she hadn’t come across a cache of plywood discs, the works using these materials would never have come into existence. But this doesn’t mean that Hill is a mere slave to serendipity: when she looks into a dumpster, visits a factory or wanders the aisles of an industrial supply store, the materials that attract her tend to be those that respond to her well-defined sensibility. Chance or accident is never the determining factor in her work, it is simply another of her chosen processes.

On occasion, chance takes on a prominent role not at the moment the material is found but during the actual making of the piece. In *The Shape of Things to Come*, for instance, Hill determined the forms of dozens of small planar wax sculptures by dropping lengths of string into curvilinear designs. Looking back to chance-determined works by Duchamp and Arp, this work also evokes mid-century abstract sculptures and (to my eye) cartoon figures. These five-inch-high wax-and-string biomorphs are set on wax pedestals cast from plastic cups. Hill makes no attempt to hide the modest origin of these pedestals, something that is in keeping with her overall lack of pretension and taste for humble materials. To some degree, she sees her function as bringing attention to the beauty and artistic potential of quotidian stuff. In this mode, she has made esthetically riveting works with such seemingly unpromising materials as orange peels (*Bushwick Wheel*, 1998) and plastic bags (*One Hundred Feet of the Sweet Every Day*, 2001). One of her most inventive (and perhaps a bit mad) exercises in the poetics of the everyday was a 1997 piece that involved unspooling 100 rolls of Scotch tape, adding cotton batting to their adhesive surfaces and rolling them up again. The work’s recipe-style title (*add lint. re-coil. the rolls are now ready to serve*) underlines the demystifying impulse in Hill’s work.

But if her always graceful art revels in accessible materials and easily explained processes, it also is marked by repetitive, labor-intensive methods that approach the trance-inducing practices of countless mystical orders around the world. Just as a religious seeker might take a single phrase or physical movement and, through disciplined repetition, transform it into a vehicle of revelation, so does Hill pursue illumination through her meditative making. If her work stands at the intersection of several vectors of modern art practice (found-object sculpture, process art, chance procedures, monochrome art, endurance-based performance), it also is located at the crossroads of the mundane and the mystical, where the physical object pulls us into invisible realms.

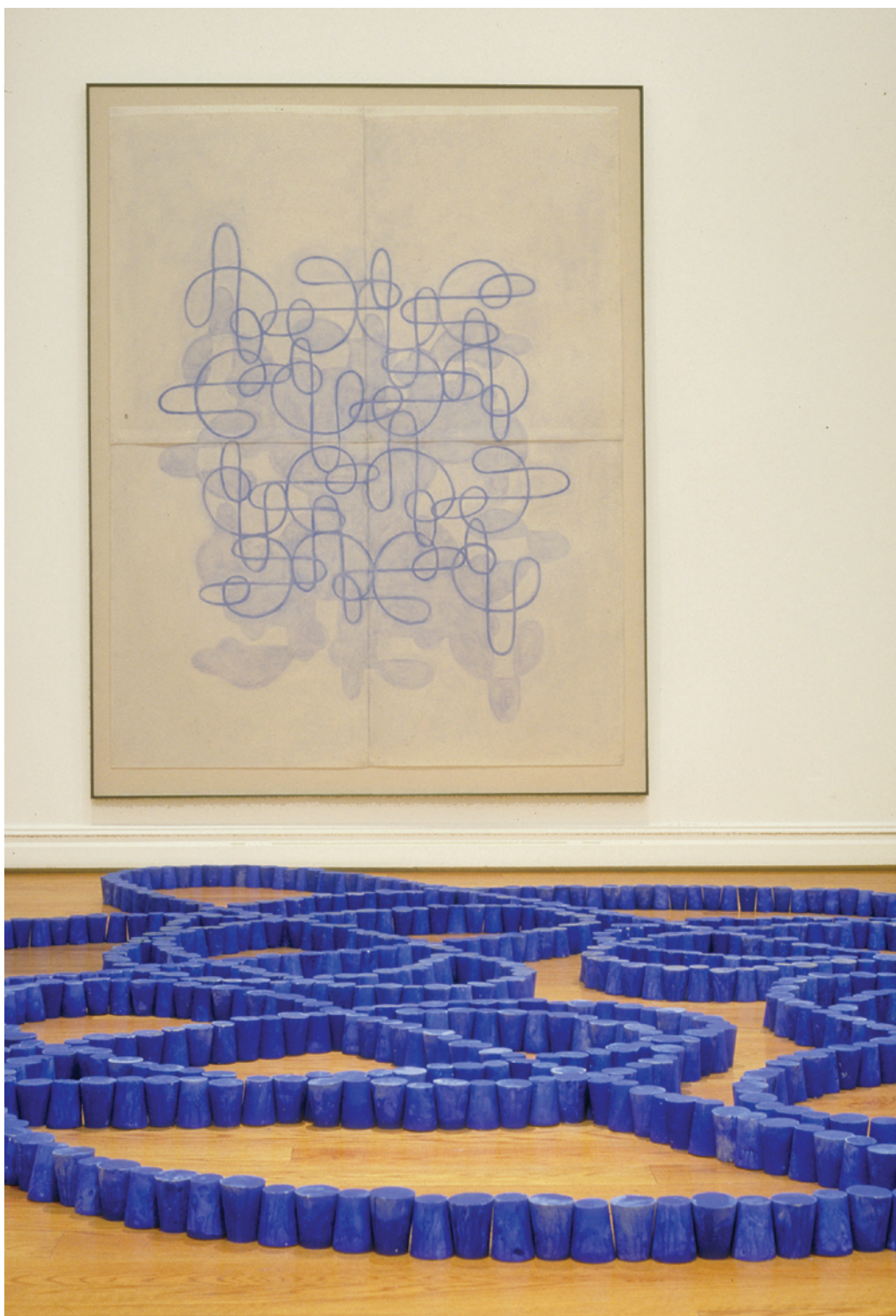
(Unless otherwise noted, all quotations taken from Ron Janowich’s interview with Robin Hill conducted for the upcoming “Cultural Recycling” issue of the journal *Other Voices*; an audio version can found on Hill’s web site: www.robin-hill.net)

1. Hill took the title “Multiplying the Variations” from Gaston Bachelard’s *The Poetics of Space*. The phrase occurs in the book’s final chapter, *The Phenomenology of Roundness*, which could have been an effective title for the show.

“...Van Gogh wrote: Life is round...If we submit to the hypnotic power of such expressions, suddenly we find ourselves in the roundness of this being, we live in the roundness of life, like a walnut becomes round in its shell. A philosopher, a painter, a poet and an inventor of fables have given us documents of pure phenomenology. It is up to us to use them in order to gather being together in its center. It is our task, too, to sensitize the document by multiplying its variations.”

- Gaston Bachelard, *The Poetics of Space*

Multiplying the Variations
Images



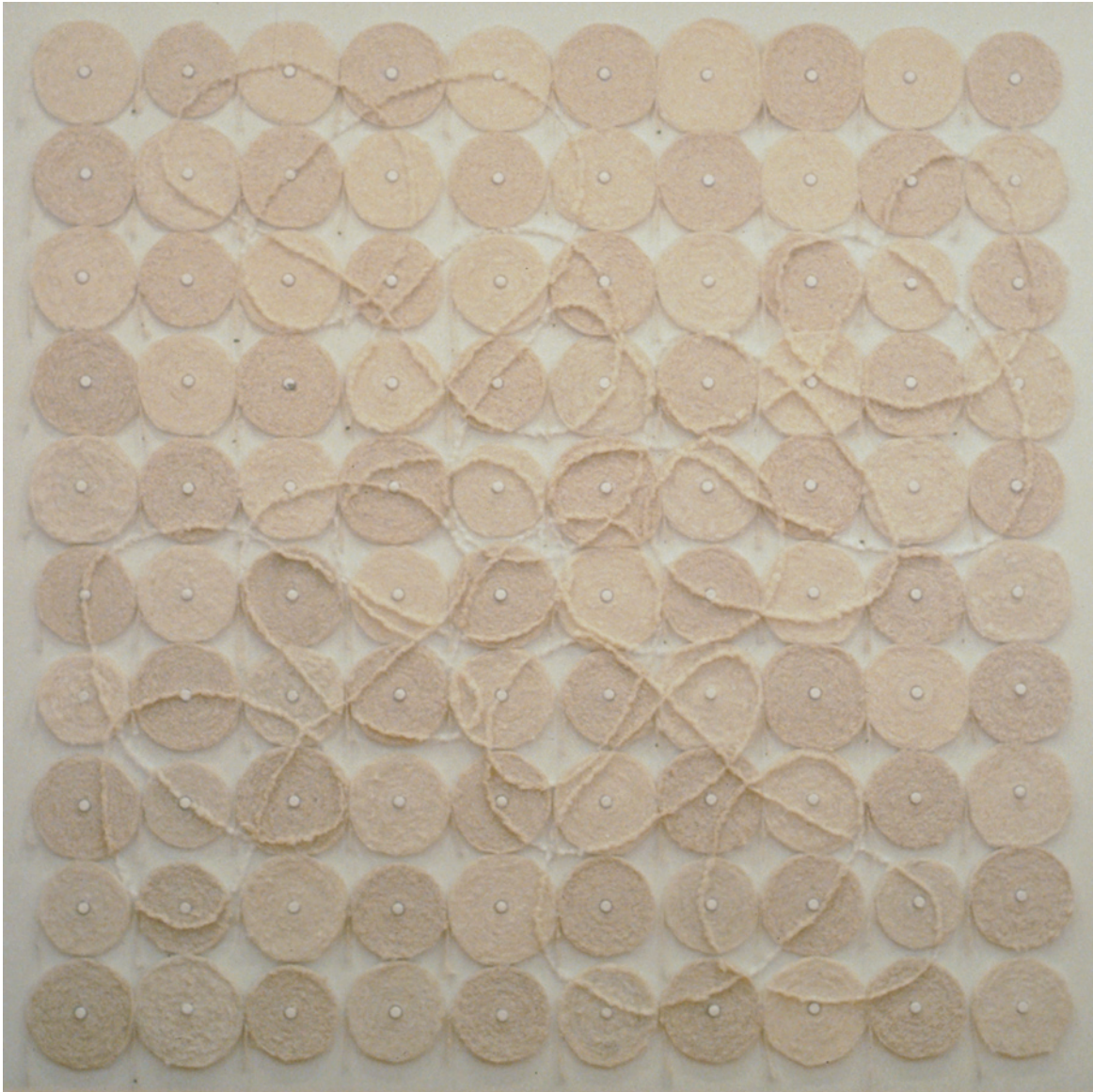
Blue Lines, 1995
installation view
oil stick on wax paper, cast plaster, pigment
dimensions variable



dip to coat. allow to fall freely onto work surface., 1997
plaster, string
dimensions variable



being careful not to topple, stack paper on sawhorses., 1997
paper, wood, plaster
7" X 5" X 3"



add lint. coil. the rolls are now ready to serve., 1997
tape cotton batting, plaster
101" X 101" X 1 1/2"



100 Ft. of the Sweet Everyday, 2001
cyanotype on paper, helium balloons, and
polyethylene bags
dimensions variable



Bushwick Wheel, 1995
orange peels
100" X 100"



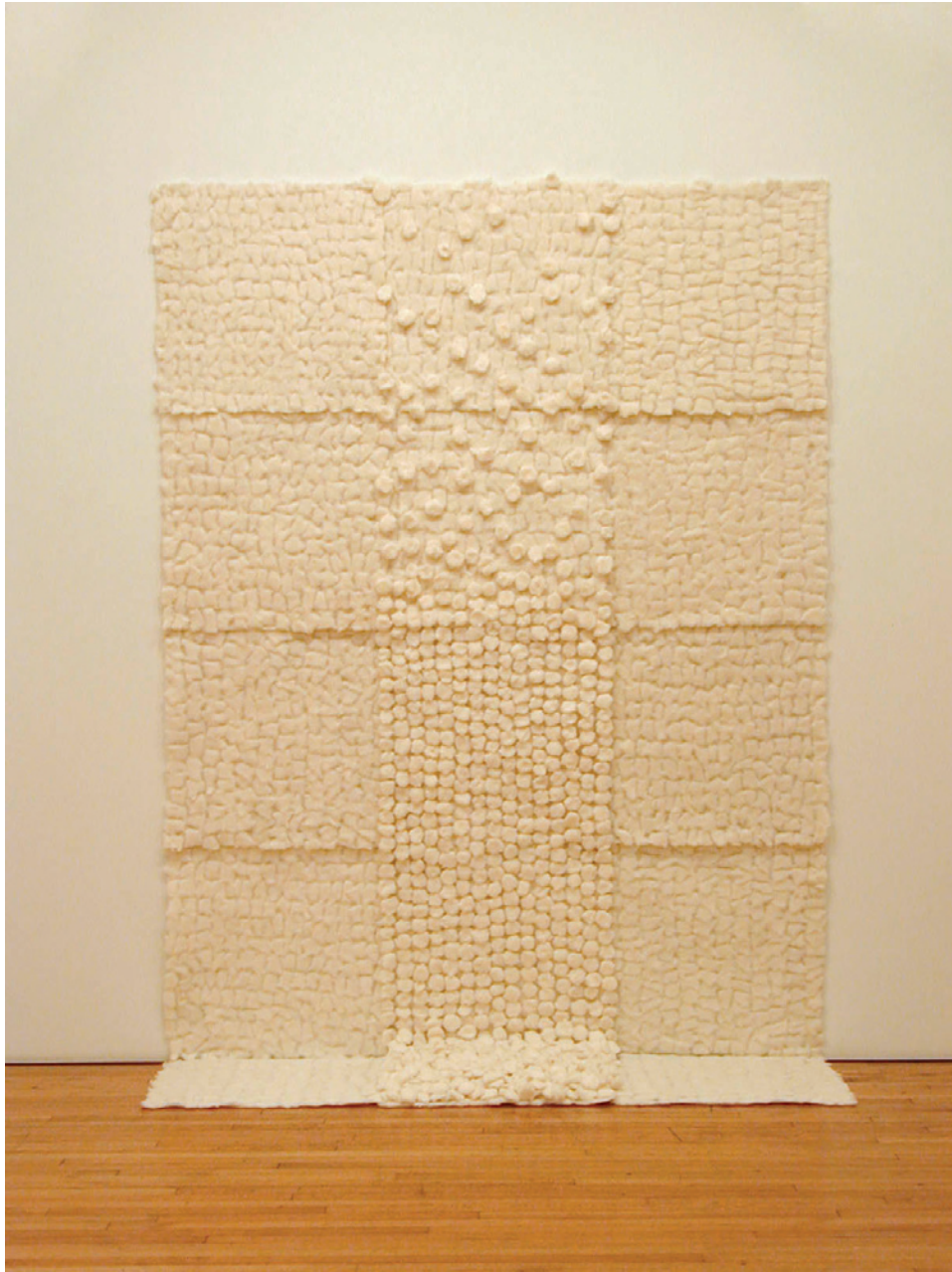
Against the Wall, 2004
100 elements, wax and plywood
110 x 110"



Concretion, 2004
100 elements, Hydrocal
10 x 10 x 182"



The Shape of Things to Come, 2004
detail
wax, string, and mirrored glass
53" X 24" X 48"



Dissipation, 2004
cotton batting and paper
95 x 24 x 70-1/2"



Beach Debris, 2003
10 panels
108 1/2" X 25 3/4" each

too small - replace



Kardex, 2006
with composer Sam Nichols
installation view
visible storage cabinet, ink jet prints,
interactive sound, assorted found furniture
dimensions variable

Curriculum Vitae

Resides and works in Woodland, CA and Cape Breton, Nova Scotia

EDUCATION

1977 B.F.A., Kansas City Art Institute

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2006 Stanislaus, CA, University Art Gallery, California State University, Stanislaus, *Multiplying the Variations*, September 9 – October 9, (catalog).
Los Angeles, CA, another year in LA, *Kardex*, an installation by Robin Hill with Sam Nichols, June 9 – July 7.
- 2005 Pont-Aven, France, Centre International d'Art Contemporain, *Extractions, New Work by Robin Hill*, May 28 – June 20.
- 2004 New York, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., *Multiplying the Variations: New Works by Robin Hill*, September 23 - October 23.
- 2003 San Francisco, CA, Don Soker Contemporary Art, *Beach Debris*, November 4 - 29.
Davis, CA, The Davis Art Center, *Casting a Net: an Installation of Cyanotype and Sculpture by Robin Hill*, January February 7.
- 2002 Houston, TX, Project Row Houses, *Round 16*, October - January.
- 2001 Purchase, NY, The Richard and Dolly Maass Gallery, Purchase College, *Robin Hill: Selected Works 1986-2000*, February 23 - March 15, (catalogue).
- 2000 Houston, TX, Fotofest 2000, *Robin Hill: Installation*, March 3 - April 3.
- 1997 New York, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., *Robin Hill: Sculpture and Drawing*, October 9 -November 8.
Amherst, MA, Eli Marsh Gallery, Amherst College, *Robin Hill: Sculpture and Drawing*.
- 1995 New York, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., *Robin Hill*, February 11 - March 11.
- 1991 New York, Lang & O'Hara Gallery, *Robin Hill*, March 14 - April 13, (catalogue).
- 1989 New York, Lang & O'Hara Gallery, *Robin Hill*.
- 1987 New York, Lang & O'Hara Gallery, *Robin Hill*.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2006 Davis, CA, Richard L. Nelson Gallery & the Fine Arts Collection, *Flatlanders, A Regional Roundup*, July 6 – August 13.
- 2005 New York, New York, Pace University Art Gallery, *Synthesis and Distribution, Say It Back: a collaboration between Robin Hill and Steve Kaltenbach:* curated by Ron Janowich, Merijn Van Der Heijden and Will Pappenheimer, November- December.
- 2003 Gainsville, Florida, University Gallery, *Thinking In Line: A Survey of Contemporary Drawing*, curated by John Moore and Ron Janowich, November – January, 2004, catalog.
Boston, MA, French Library and Cultural Center, *Pulp Fiction-Works on Paper*, March.
Riec-Sur-Belon, France, Espace Melanie, *Distillations, 10 Years of Art-Making in Pont-Aven*, August.
Paris, France, Mona Bismark Foundation, *"Is, Was, Will Be, the past present and future of the Pont-Aven School of Art"*, September.
Davis, CA, John Natsoulas Gallery, *Gone West, Four Artists New In These Parts*, February, (catalogue, essay by Peter Frank).
San Francisco, CA, LIMN Gallery, *made OF paper*, curated by Christine Duvall, January – March.
Kansas City, MO, Kansas City Art Institute, Art and Design Auction, March 29, (catalogue).
Davis, CA, Richard L. Nelson Gallery & Fine Arts Collection, *Modern Multiples: Selections from the Fine Arts Collection*
Sacramento, CA, The Crocker Museum, Annual Benefit Art Auction
Los Angeles, CA, The Brewery, *Approaching Perfection*, curated by Mery-Lynn McCorckle, September.
- 2002 New York, The Work Space at Dolgenos, Newman & Cronin LLP, *Proximity*, curated by Robin Hill, with works by Joe Amhrein, Susanna Coffey, Caroline Cox, Jane Dickson, Matt Ferranto and Joe Stauber, Susanna Heller, Robin Hill, Theodora Varnay Jones, Catherine Murphy, Jack Risley, (catalogue, essay by Hearne Pardee).
New York, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., *New Year New York New Work*, January 19 - February 16.
- 2001 San Francisco, CA, Don Soker Gallery, *Group Exhibition*, November - April.
Philadelphia, PA, Ericson Gallery, *From One Thing to Another: Pat Badt and Robin Hill*, October 19 - November 17.
New York, Smack Mellon Studios, *Popular Mechanics*, curated by Kathleen Gilrain, May 31 - July 8.
New York, Milton J. Weill Art Gallery, *92nd Street Y, Milestones for Peace*, curated by Doron Polak, February 5 - March 23.
New York, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., *Drawing Rooms: Carl Palazzolo, Denyse Thomasos, Robin Hill*, January 16 - February 10.
- 2000 Brooklyn, NY, Flipside, *Phlat Stuff: Robin Hill, Mary Judge*, November 5 - December 17.
Los Angeles, CA, Post Gallery, *Haulin' Ass: Pierogi in L.A.*, November - December.
Baltimore, MD, The Contemporary Museum, *Benefit Exhibition*, April.
Brooklyn, NY, Pierogi, *Super Duper New York*, April - June.
Houston, TX, FotoFest 2000: *Installations*, March.
- 1999-2000 New York, NY, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., *Photographs by Painters, Photographers, Sculptors*, December 11 - January 22.
- 1999 New York, NY, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., *Painting and Sculpture, Color and Form*, September.
Washington, D.C., Starwood Urban, *Urban Configuration 11: A Year in the Life*, curated by Janet Phelps.
- 1998 Kansas City, MO, Byron C. Cohen Gallery, *Preview*, June 26 - August 1.
Brooklyn, NY, Crest Hardware, *The Crest Hardware Show*, May 25 - July 3.
Brooklyn, NY, *eyewash, Photic, works incorporating photographic processes*, May 26 – June 21.
New York, NY, The American Academy of Arts and Letters, *Invitational Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture*, March 9 - April 5.
New York, NY, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., *UTZ: A collected exhibition*, curated with Stephanie Theodore, February 6 - March 7.
- 1996-1997 Schenectady, NY, Mandeville Gallery, Union College, *Place*, curated by Robin Hill, December 8, 1996 - January 26, 1997;
Allentown, PA, Martin Art Gallery, Muhlenberg College, January 28 - February 23.
Brooklyn, NY, The Rotunda Gallery, *Informed Choices*, November 21 - January 4.

- 1996 New York, NY, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., *Summer Group Exhibition: Mitchell, Jaffe, Westerlund Roosen, Morales, Jaudon, Korman, Hill, Workman, Thomasos*, June 11 -August 1.
New York, NY, E.S. Vandam, *Place*, organized by Robin Hill, including work by Sharon Horvath, Mary Hambleton, Suzanne Bocanegra, Robin Hill, January 11 - February 3.
- 1995-1996 New York, NY, The Work Space, *Accumulation*, curated by Robin Hill, November 18 -January 13.
- 1995 New York, NY, The Police Building, *Sculptors Thinking Drawings*, curated by James Holl, October 19 - November 18, (catalogue).
Summit, NJ, New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, *The Creative Process: Drawings by Sculptors*, September 8 - October 22, (catalogue).
New York, NY, The Work Space, *Cover to Cover*, July 19 - September 16.
New York, NY, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., *Group Exhibition*, September 5-30.
- 1994 New York, NY, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., *Gallery Artists*, January 8-29.
- 1993-1994 Greensboro, NC, Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina, *29th Annual Exhibition of Art on Paper*, November 14 - January 9, (catalogue).
- 1993 New York, NY, Lillian Heidenberg Gallery, *Structure: Painting Invitational 1993*, curated by Hugh Keenan, October 2 - November 1.
Lodz, Poland, The Artists' Museum, *Construction in Process IV "My Home is Your Home,"* October 1-7.
Philadelphia, PA, Jessica Berwind Gallery, *Drawings from 55 Ferris Street*, September 10 - October 16. Traveled to New York, NY, Wynn Kramarsky, October 29 - November 20.
New York, NY, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc. *Works on Paper By Gallery Artists*, July - September 25.
Brooklyn, NY, 55 Ferris Street, *55 Ferris Street 111*, curated by Frederieke S. Taylor with Joseph Zito, March 14 - April 25.
New York, NY, Lennon, Weinberg, Inc., *Sculpture: Robin Hill, Peter Soriano, Joseph Zito*, January 7 - February 13.
- 1992 New York, Sculpture Center, *On Paper*.
Brooklyn, NY, Long Island University, *Six Sculptors*, organized by Marian Griffiths, (catalogue).
New York, NY, Rosa Esman Gallery, Organization of Independent Artists, *Benefit Exhibition*.
- 1991 New York, NY, M-13 Gallery, Organization of Independent Artists, *Benefit Exhibition*.
New York, NY, White Columns, *Benefit Exhibition*.
- 1990 San Francisco, CA, Stephen Wirtz Gallery, *Wax and Lead*.
Long Island City, NY, Socrates Sculpture Park.
Long Island City, NY, The Institute for Contemporary Art, P.S. 1 Museum, *China: June 4*, curated by John Yau, Nancy Spero, and The Asian American Arts Centre.
- 1988-1989 Arau, Switzerland, Aagrawer Kunsthau, *Sculpture: Material + Abstraction, 2 x 5 Points of View*, curated by Corinne Diserens, June 18 - July 31. Traveled to Lausanne, Switzerland, Musee Cantonal des Beaux-Arts, October 17 - December 11; New York, NY, City Gallery, Department of Cultural Affairs and The Swiss Institute, January 5-February 10, 1989, (catalogue).
- 1988 Brooklyn, NY, Rotunda Gallery, *Trilogy*.
New York, NY, American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, *Paintings and Sculpture by Candidates for Art Awards*.
- 1987 Birmingham, MI, Hill Gallery, *Part to Part*.
- 1986 New York, NY, Zabriskie Gallery, *Robin Hill-Sculpture, Hannah Villiger-Photographs*.
New York, NY, Richard Green Gallery, *Transformations*, curated by Stephen Westfall.
New York, NY, El Bohio Community and Cultural Center, *Indoor/Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit*, curated by David Hacker.
New York, NY, Anne Plumb Gallery, *Stay Tuned*.
New York, NY, Lang & O'Hara Gallery, *Sculpture*.
- 1985 New York, NY, Artists Space, *Selections*, organized by Kay Larson.
Brooklyn, NY, Grand Army Plaza, Memorial Arch, *Five Sculptors*, curated by Mariella Bisson.
New York, NY, 80 Washington Square East Galleries, *Small Works 1985*, juried by Allan Stone.
- 1984 New York, NY, Arsenal Gallery, *Trees and Trails*.
Greenvale, NY, Hillwood Art Gallery, C.W. Post College, *Unaffiliated Artists II*.
New York, NY, Virtual Garrison, *Sculpture Survey*.
New York, NY, Craig Cornelius Gallery.
- 1983 New York, NY, The First Women's Bank, *Diversity*.
Brooklyn, NY, A Place Apart, *8 + 1 + 1*.

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- Collischan Van Wagner, Judith. *Lines of Vision: Drawings by Contemporary Women*. New York: Hudson Hills Press, 1990.
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- Robin Hill*. Essay by Theresa Pappas. New York: Lang & O'Hara, 1991.
- Martone, Michael. *Place*, Mandeville Gallery, Union College, Schenectady, New York, 1996.
- Selections from the Artists File*. New York: Artists Space, 1985.
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- Six Sculptors*. Essay by George Melrod. Brooklyn, NY: Long Island University, 1992.
- The Creative Process: Drawings by Sculptors*. Summit, New Jersey, 1995.
- Unaffiliated Artists 11*. Greenvale, NY: Hillwood Art Gallery, 1985.

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- Brenson, Michael. "No Man's Land: Socrates Sculpture Park," *The New York Times*, March 8, 1991.
- . "Robin Hill at Lang & O'Hara Gallery," *The New York Times*, February 17, 1989, (illustration).
- . "Introducing Swiss Sculptors to US and Vice Versa," *The New York Times*, January 27, 1989, (illustration).
- . "Sculpture Breaks the Mold of Minimalism," *The New York Times*, November 23, 1986, Section 2:1.
- . "Robin Hill at Zabriskie Gallery," *The New York Times*, July 25, 1986.
- "Brooklyn Exhibit at Rotunda Gallery," *Starrett Sun*, February 19, 1988.
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