

For Immediate Release

China Marks

Sewn Drawings

Luise Ross Gallery will present its third exhibition of China Marks' sewn drawings. A new vehicle of expression, a sewn book, will also be included. Chance plays a big role in China Marks' process. She selects commercially made fabric based on color, design, texture and appliquéd elements. These are sewn together with an industrial sewing machine to create flawlessly seamed idiosyncratic compositions. They can range from everyday situations to the completely unbelievable; always the fabric determines the outcome. In some of her new works, separate scenes of landscape and figures have been incorporated into the overall composition virtually challenging the viewer's comprehension. Marks' intensive and methodical process of altering the fabric through the accumulation and subtraction of different elements infuses the work with energy. Sometimes erratic and at other times tightly contained, this dynamism becomes the unifying element.

In a new creative development, the artist has turned her fabric compositions into a book. Here the viewer can concentrate on, and absorb her pictorial ingenuity, in a more condensed serial format.

Title: **China Marks: Sewn Drawings**

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Opening: Thursday 17 September 6 – 8

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