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RULE Gallery is pleased to present a solo exhibition of work by Diane Christiansen entitled *Breath Exchange*. The show will open with a public exhibition on August 21, 2015, from 6-9pm, and will be on view August 21-October 3, 2015.

In her art, Christiansen explores the synthesis of birth and death, growth and decay. Inspired by Buddhist imagery, she explores the idea of accepting mortality to deepen our experience of the present moment. Christiansen also draws insight from locations such as the rain forests of Costa Rica, where she sees “a riot of death growing out of life.” In the process of respiration, the expiration of one thing leads to the inspiration of another. It is a symbiosis, where the exchange of breath between beings is vital to the creation and continuation of life itself.

Breath Exchange will present pieces in different media, including animations, works on paper and plaster constructs. In one animation, Christiansen collaborated with animator Joel Benjamin to create a black and white collage of stop-motion and cell-drawn animation. In another, with Tibetan cloud paintings as a starting point, Christiansen captures the creation of a line-painting in stop-motion. The finished piece will also be on display along with oil paintings on plaster, cloth, and wood-frame. The paintings incorporate abstract and figurative imagery and are constructed through a process of painting, sanding, and repainting to create ghostly layerings.

About: Diane Christiansen is a Chicago-based artist whose practice includes painting, drawing, and an ongoing collaborative installation project with Detroit-based artist Shoshanna Utchenik. Christiansen received her MFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 1990. Christiansen’s work has been shown extensively throughout the United States and Europe.

RULE Gallery has exhibited contemporary abstract and conceptual works, including paintings, sculpture, photography, and works on paper by both established and emerging national artists, since 1987. The gallery has locations in Denver, Colorado, and Marfa, Texas.

RULE Gallery is located at 3254 Walnut Street, Denver CO 80205. Hours are Tuesday – Saturday 12-6p and by appointment. info@rulegallery.com 303-800-6776 www.rulegallery.com