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RULE Gallery is pleased to present a solo exhibition, *As I Once Knew it...*, *Recent Paintings and Drawings* by Margaret Neumann. This show runs from May 6, 2010 through June 24, 2011. The public reception is Friday, May 6, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

As I Once Knew It... is Margaret Neumann first solo show at RULE Gallery. In this exhibition, the artist explores through paint and oil stick the emotional landscape of thoughts and feelings that form our sense of self. These emotions are universal, and ultimately form the basis of religious and spiritual institutions, as well as political and ideological movements across time and cultures. Many of these emotions relate to man's vulnerability in the universe, and our attempt to find safety and 'certainty' no matter how small or how briefly.

Neumann's paintings explores the process we go through to find, understand and come to terms with these emotions - a process that requires a peeling away of layers of defenses and fears. Indeed, Neumann's painting method mirrors this process, but rather than peeling away, she 'layers up', beginning with a vague idea and unformed figures to a set of floating images embedded in and emerging out of the paint itself. Like the many layers of the self, Neumann builds up surfaces stroke by stroke until she sees an image that conveys the struggles confronted by the human psyche.

In 1969 Neumann received a Master's of Fine Arts at the University of Colorado, Boulder, where she studied with George Woodman, Roland Reiss and Adja Yunkers. Her fellow students included Clark Richert, Dale Chisman, John Fudge and John De Andrea. She attended Colorado College where she attended classes with Mary Chenoweth and spent a summer studying with Meyer Schapiro in at Columbia University. The artist's work was featured in a solo exhibition *Shadows and Fog* at the Museum of Contemporary Art/Denver in 2004-2005, and the Mizel Museum. She was the recipient of the Governor's Award and she currently has a studio at Red Line.

RULE Gallery is located at 3340 Walnut Street, Denver CO in the RINO Arts District. The gallery is open from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, or by appointment.

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