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Night Thoughts

Margaret Neumann:

July 1 – August 7, 2021

(Denver, CO) RULE Gallery is pleased to present *Night Thoughts*, a solo exhibition of new work by Margaret Neumann held at our Denver location at 808 Santa Fe Drive. A public reception will be held Thursday, July 1, from 6-9p, and the show will be on view to the public from July 1 – August 7, 2021. Gallery hours are Tues - Friday 12-6p, Sat 12-5p, no appointment necessary.

Margaret Neumann has long been considered a core member of Colorado's contemporary art scene, beginning with her emergence from the Boulder Amory Group in the late '60s. Over the course of the last six decades, her evolving practice and powerfully expressionistic works have continually challenged the notion that her paintings and drawings should be easy to define or quickly understood. Neumann's carefully cultivated imagery appears recurrently over the span of her career and has become her signature style. Isolated birds and silhouetted figures are juxtaposed against such ordinary items as a bowl of cherries or a lover's back, leaving understanding murky and interpretation infinite.

Past the subjects themselves, Neumann's studio practice employs a rich, dense use of impasto and compositional improvisation. While applying layer upon layer of pigment, she builds up subconscious forms which evolve and morph like biographical experiences in constant communication with the medium itself. The roiling, chaotic surfaces embody the confounding nature of life and require the viewer to contribute, as each piece is meaningful only in the emotions and thoughts it evokes. "What does it mean?" is something artists are asked all the time, but Neumann turns things around and directs that question back at all of us. *Seeing* her work requires your active participation.

Margaret Neumann (b. 1942, New York) received her MFA from the University of Colorado Boulder in 1969. She has been a formative force in the arts in Denver, serving as a founding member of Spark Gallery, a member of Armory Group and Pirate Contemporary, and one of the initial resource artists at RedLine. Her exhibitions include a solo show at Boulder Museum of Contemporary Arts, the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, an in-depth Retrospective at RedLine, as well as exhibitions at prominent institutions such as the Denver Art Museum, the Mizel Arts and Culture Center, and the Colorado Fine Arts Center. She was the recipient of the Governor's Award, and she currently works from her studio at TANK in Denver, CO. Her work can be found in the permanent collection at the Kirkland Museum and in many private homes.

RULE Gallery, founded in 1991, has locations in Denver, CO, and Marfa, TX. RULE represents emerging and mid-career contemporary artists and artist estates, with a focus on fostering investigative art practices while developing artists' long-term careers. Outside their robust in-house exhibition schedule, RULE coordinates programming in prominent institutions and non-traditional settings, expanding community engagement with the work. In addition, the gallery actively endeavors to bring greater recognition of the region's historic art movements to a broader audience. For more information, visit <http://www.rulegallery.com/>