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InLiquid at the Crane Hall presents
Like A Moth to a Flame
an installation by **Leah Reynolds**
April 7 – May 30, 2010



Leah Reynolds, . . .Like A Moth, 2009, mixed media (detail)

The Hall at the Crane Arts Building

1400 N. American St, Philadelphia, PA
Second Thursday receptions: April 8, May 6, 6 – 9 pm

(Philadelphia, March 2010) **InLiquid** presents . . .*Like a Moth*, an installation of new work by Leah Reynolds at the Hall exhibition space in the Crane Arts Building. There will be an opening reception for the artist on **Second Thursday, April 8, 2010** from 6 to 9 pm, and an additional reception on Second Thursday, May 13, from 6 to 9 pm.

Philadelphia artist Leah Reynolds has produced an installation project with students from the 7th grade class at Independence Charter School. The artist created the “flame” part of this installation: vaporous chandelier-like structures that are suspended overhead in the Crane hallway. The “moth” is represented in drawings provided by the students.

Reynolds works primarily with cheesecloth, which she treats with paint to create a translucent paper-like surface. These sheets are then used to create three-dimensional objects which light can pass through. Everything is sewn together by hand, calling to mind the history of women’s handwork: darning, quilt making, needlework samplers, and silk embroidery. For Reynolds, fabric protects, shelters, conceals, decorates, disguises. While fabric may recall feminine nurturing, it also restrains, entangles, and perhaps even smothers. Like insect’s wings, these surfaces float and protect, dance with the light and decorate their space. Created with intense color, Reynolds’ work feels celebratory, transforming its space into something between a party and a carnival.

Reynolds has installed her work at Nexus (where she is currently a member), the Philadelphia Airport, 55 Mercer Gallery (NYC), The Delaware Center for Contemporary Art, and at the Painted Bride among other venues.

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