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Junko Yamamoto *"In between, You and I, there is space all around us"*

May 14 - June 19, 2010

opening reception: May 14, 2010, 6-8 pm

(Chicago) The EC Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of new works by Junko Yamamoto *"In between, You and I, there is space all around us"*. An opening night reception will be held at the EC Gallery, 215 N. Aberdeen, Friday, May 14, 2010, 6-8 pm.

Junko Yamamoto's abstract paintings are based on the idea of Shunyata - a Sanskrit word for "emptiness." The Shunyata Series represents ongoing memories of texture, color and space. These are meditative, dreamlike explorations of consciousness, colored by the contradiction of fullness and emptiness.

Yamamoto continues to explore her on going theme about space between all of the atoms, spaces between people, objects, air between this room and that room; the glue and energy of the entire universe which is holding us together. She likes to push and pull two dimensional spaces with paint, ink and visual motion to make them with three dimensional depth and extension.

Yamamoto's abstract art straddles Japanese pop culture while remaining distinctly separated from the crowd. Her Shunyata series, which may become her life's work, is a beautiful collection that revels in opulent decorative detail.

Junko Yamamoto was born and raised in Tokyo, Japan, now lives and works in Seattle. She received her bachelor's degree in fine arts from Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle in 1999. Yamamoto's work has been exhibited world-wide. Her works has been shown at numerous places such as: Gallery IMA, Wright Now at Frank Lloyd Wright's Westcott House, King County Art Gallery aka 4 Culture, Bellevue Art Museum, SAM Gallery, Kirkland Arts Center, Poncho Foundation, Henry Art Gallery, Gas Gallery (Torino, Italy), Fresh Paint Art Gallery (Culver City, CA), Andrea Schwalts Gallery (San Francisco), Lotus Roots Gallery (Osaka, Japan), J Trip Gallery (Tokyo, Japan), Portland, Oregon and Boise, Idaho. Her works are included in the collections of Swedish Cancer Institute, Harborview Medical Center, Aspen Hotel Group and Mulvanny G2 Architecture.

Yamamoto has been featured in publications such as The Art in America Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, Conde Nast Traveler, Studio Visit Magazine and Art Ltd. Magazine.

For more information on Junko Yamamoto *"In between, You and I, there is space all around us"*, please contact Ewa Czeremuskin at info@ec-gallery.com or call 312.850.0924