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PAULA EVERS – CONTEMPORARY DUTCH MASTER
November 1st to December 15th, 2007.
Opening Reception for the Artist, Thursday, November 1st, 6 to 8 PM

Mark Wladika, director of Newmark Gallery, San Francisco is pleased to announce a solo exhibit of new works by the celebrated Dutch painter, Paula Evers. The gallery introduced this prodigious and much admired artist to the West Coast with the well-received group show “Dutch Masters Now” in 2005. Ms. Evers will be traveling from her home in the Netherlands to attend the opening reception.

Paula Evers was born in Bergen, Holland in 1942, a city famous as a twentieth-century painters’ community comparable to the French Barbizon and for the Bergen School of landscape painting. Ms. Evers took classes from Peter Schenk and studied at the Van Gogh Academie in Amsterdam. She was a member of the painter’s group “ArtBent” in the early 1990’s. Her self-directed style has been described as “Lyrical Abstract” – akin to the movement from the 1940’s that was a precursor to *Art Informel* in Europe, which paralleled Abstract Expressionism in the United States.

“Evers’ work increasingly deals with dualism in western thinking. First we meet the almost empty and typically Dutch flat landscape: metaphor for nature, balance, uncontrollable forces and passivity. In these paintings horizontal lines dominate. Single islands of form burst through fields of color creating distant horizons out of the void.

Secondly we are confronted with paintings defined by rationalism, culture, society and activity in which vertical figures are prominent. Abstracted human forms subtly convey emotion through gesture and color. Figures press forward, as if present when the painting was initiated, while other pairs turn away and quietly dissolve into the atmosphere.

In both subjects, landscapes and figures, we discover traces of the other including compositional elements, palettes, luminous surfaces, and a dreamlike resonance. Thus they present us with a synthesis between opposites, constituting a very complex yet visually accessible body of work, full of both cool and abstract restraint and expressive figurative emotion.” Mark Slegers, *Arcadia - Paula Evers*.

Newmark Gallery San Francisco is located at 251 Post Street, Suite 412 in the Union Square area of San Francisco. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 am - 6 pm and by appointment.