

## ART EXHIBITION

March - May 2012

### KEIKO HARA

Keiko Hara was born in Japan in 1942. After studying in Japan at Gendai Art School, Tokyo, and Oita-Kenritsu Art College, Oita, Hara earned her BFA Degree in painting at Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Mississippi. In 1983 she was granted United States permanent resident status as an artist. Hara also earned graduate degrees in printmaking: an MS at University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and an MFA at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Hara currently lives and works in Walla Walla, Washington where she is a professor of art at Whitman College.

Hara has shown her work in over 13 solo exhibitions and in numerous group exhibitions throughout the United States and internationally. Her work can be seen in museum collections such as the Art Institute of Chicago, the Milwaukee Art Museum, the Charles A. Wustum Museum, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Muskegon Art Museum. In 1984 she won the Philadelphia Print Exhibition Selection Award and in 1976 she received the first prize from the Michigan Print & Drawing Exhibition from the Detroit Institute of Art. Hara has been an active lecturer and has led printmaking workshops in the United States and Japan over the past two decades.

Hara's prints are abstract compositions executed in vibrant colors. She works in multiple mediums including painting, sculpture, collage, printmaking and her original mixed media installations, in which she manages to create complex layerings of an image. Her paintings leave the walls and are mounted in free-standing screens. The subtle references to water, fire, midnight skies, and fertile grasslands offer rich metaphorical images. Hara emphasizes flickering light, radiant colors, and active forms, incorporating real light into pieces already aglow with color. Her art is about the tactility of things, their reference to nature, and how we perceive, feel and understand the universe that we inhabit.

For more information about Keiko Hara and her work, please contact Perimeter Gallery 312/266-9473 or visit [www.perimetergallery.com](http://www.perimetergallery.com).



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