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All Roads Lead to Coney Island curated by Andrew Garn May 29th – July 12th, 2009 Artists reception Friday May 29th 6-9pm.

A.M. Richard Fine Art is pleased to announce ALL ROADS LEAD TO CONEY ISLAND, our summer group show curated by Andrew Garn. The exhibition will include contemporary works of art including paintings, sculpture, films, photographs and historical ephemera. Artists presented are Robert & Robbie Bailey, Todd Boebel, Matilde Damele, François Deschamps, Richard Eagan, Emily Feinstein, Hazel Hankin, Robert Hickman, Hawley Hussey, Bill Jacobson, Marc Kehoe, Salem Krieger, Laure Leber, Andrew Lichtenstein, Doni Lucas, Ingrid Ludt, Philomena Marano, Barbara Mensch, Ann Murphy, Bethany Obrecht, James Reeder, Arthur Robins, Molly Schwartz, Susan Shapiro and Robert Vizzini. The opening of the exhibition will take place Friday May 29th from 6-9pm. The exhibition will be on view through July 12th.

More then an amusement park, Coney Island is a destination. Theater, boardwalk and beach, the site of a million lights is a stage to a multi-layered community. The artists chosen to present work are either emerging, established or self-taught. Their interpretative work and chosen medium mirrors the diversity of Coney island.

Coney Island was named by Dutch settlers after the rabbit population that once inhabited it. It has a rich and long history which has been widely documented in popular and academic publications, various forms of visual art including performance and film. Several societies are devoted to its unique kind of history. Today it is in the midst of being irreversibly permutated. This exhibition was conceived as a tribute to the eclecticism, democracy and history of this specific area on the New York waterfront.

Andrew Garn, a native New Yorker, grew up visiting Coney Island. He is still haunted by the sound and vision of crazy laughing wax heads. Mr. Garn is the author of numerous publications, his latest, <u>Exit to Tomorrow</u>, was published by Rizzoli in 2007.

Special Event: In conversation Richard Eagan and Philomena Marano founding members of **The Coney Island Hysterical Society**, Saturday June 13, at 4 pm.

Please contact A.M. Richard at (917) 570-1476 or <u>gallery@amrichardfineart.com</u> for more information. Gallery hours are Friday through Sunday from 1pm until 6pm.