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For Immediate Release:

Carla Hernandez WAVEFORM

September 4 – September 29, 2012

Opening Reception: Thursday, September 6th, 6-8pm



Image: Writing in Red (Crimson Tide), 2012, acrylic on drafter's vellum, 36 x 64 inches

SOHO20 presents *WAVEFORM*, an exhibition of new work by Carla Hernandez. On view through September 29th, the show features new mixed media paintings on paper and canvas.

Hernandez' work can be read as an abstraction of love and loss. Her practice is a meditation on these seemingly natural dichotomies that ceaselessly search for reconciliation. Her work manifests the romantic and follows it beyond recognition until it has transgressed a singular identity. Using drawing and painting (occassionly with her hands) Hernandez' undulating linework comes from a very specific source, the heart. Whether tracing lines from electrocardiogram (EKG) readings or pouring her thoughts on to the canvas like a private diary, her work examines a very tender but trying component to this organ.

Opposition plays an important part in Hernandez' work, practice and research. Her works employ repetition as a means of unraveling the antinomy that constantly contradicts logic. In *Waveform I* and *II*, EKG readings provide the impetus for the amassed form of echoed lines. Her investigation of where boundaries lie result in conceptually murky places with a visually striking outcome.

Hernandez' examination of both the physical and emotional body seems to extrapolate that their connection to each other can be traced to the natural world and the patterns within. Not unlike Fibonacci's sequence for order, Hernandez' process works to intuit that order and development through drawing.

Carla Hernandez was born in Newark, New Jersey and currently lives and works in New York. She received her BA in Visual Art from Rutgers University. Hernandez has exhibited at galleries and alternative spaces throughout the NY metropolitan area, including Mason Gross School of the Arts Galleries, Kenkeleba Gallery, ABC No Rio and SOHO20 Chelsea. In 2010 she was awarded an Artist's Grant by the Vermont Studio Center and in summer 2012, received a studio fellowship from SOHO20 Chelsea Gallery.

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