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Self-Portrait of My Sister, 2012

SOHO20 Gallery is pleased to present *This is Repetitive/But Nothing has changed,* Suzanne Stroebe's first solo exhibition with the gallery. The exhibition includes a collection of recent sculptures and drawings created after her return from New York to her childhood home in northern California in 2012.

Materials range from objects collected in nature to household items and personal keepsakes, as she attempts to unite the disparate environments of a concrete city and lush woodland landscape. Her impulse to create both harmony and chaos is now combined with a struggle of feelings over the two places she calls home.

Stroebe personalizes each composition by using her own hand to create sets of lines, clusters and patterns. While sometimes employing the use of geometric shapes or straight edges, each rendering is wrought with the flawed human touch. Washes of watercolor and gouache paint, applied to delicate papers, create skinlike ripples and folds. The presence of such diurnal movement, and a color palette dictated by the redwood forest and seascapes near her home in California suggest a play on domestic practices. Isolation has played a large influence to this series, and the patterns presented reveal vulnerable, albeit meticulous movements found only in the concentration one has when left alone.

Stroebe was born in 1981 in San Francisco, California. She received her BA in Drawing and Painting from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and her MFA in Fine Arts from Parsons the New School for Design. Stroebe's work has been exhibited in galleries, museums, and alternative spaces in New York, Miami, Los Angeles, Baltimore, and the San Francisco Bay Area. She was awarded the Ellen Hoffman Memorial Fellowship at SOHO20 Gallery in 2011.

Stroebe's work has been written about in *The Huffington Post, The L Magazine, Art Critical,* and *Bitch Magazine* among other publications.

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