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## Warren Rohrer *The Expanding Square*

September 2–30, 2008

Opening Reception:  
First Friday, September 5  
5:30–7:30pm

Gallery Hours:  
Tuesday–Saturday, 10am–6pm



*One, Two, 1992, oil on linen, 48 1/2 x 96 1/2 inches*

August 1, 2008, Philadelphia, PA--Locks Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of late diptych paintings by Warren Rohrer, on view September 2 - 30, 2008. There will be a reception on Friday, September 5, 5:30-7:30 pm.

The two-panel format in Warren Rohrer's work first appeared in 1977 and became a definitive component of his art. In his last body of work, Rohrer (1927-1995) chose to paint a series of diptychs - pairs of 14, 16 or 36-inch canvases, either joined or discreetly spaced. The artist's laser-like focus on diptychs reveals Rohrer's summation of the painting process and the core ideas at the center of his art. The Locks Gallery exhibit will include a dozen paintings that date from 1990 to 1994--the majority have never been shown before.

The expansive impact of two equally-proportioned canvases allowed the artist to continue brushwork that reads across both - always in a left to right movement. At times with smaller diptychs, the two joined canvases suggest an open book. Rohrer deliberately played with scale throughout his career and his diptychs invite the viewer to look more closely at the paint application and scrutinize the surface - the actual size of the painting loses its primacy.

Warren Rohrer taught for 25 years at the Philadelphia College of Art. The subject of a retrospective at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in 2003, Warren Rohrer's work is in

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many museum collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the Denver Art Museum, Smith College Museum of Art and the Delaware Art Museum. Locks Gallery has represented the artist since 1974.

An illustrated catalogue will accompany the exhibit.

Locks Gallery is located at 600 Washington Square South in Philadelphia, PA. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 6pm. For additional information, please contact Locks Gallery at 215.629.1000 voice, 215.629.3868 fax, or [info@locksgallery.com](mailto:info@locksgallery.com).

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