



135 W 29th, Suite 601
New York, New York 10001
212 219 3183
contact@atlanticgallery.org
www.atlanticgallery.org
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Pamela Talese

WORKING WATERFRONT Paintings of the Brooklyn Navy Yard

October 2-20, 2007

WORKING WATERFRONT continues Pamela Talese's compelling series about New York City's history as seen in its factories, buildings and public spaces. The paintings of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, done on-site, provide a unique glimpse into how the city's industrial waterfront used to look by the artist's rendering of what still stands.

In this show Talese focuses on the structures within the vast Navy Yard, illustrating how its surviving topography contrasts with the new building that has arisen around it. Where docks and warehouses once stood, gleaming glass towers define today's priority away from labor and toward luxury.

The vivid paintings in **WORKING WATERFRONT** include cargo ships, tankers, dredgers, and massive machinery alongside wistful pictures of the Yard's quiet spaces and amusing arrangements the artist happened upon: two tall mechanical cranes seem to joust, a group of fireboats under white tarpaulins appear shrink-wrapped.

Pamela Talese, a New York City native, worked at this site in the old-fashioned way, cycling from Queens to the Navy Yard, carting her paintings and supplies on a flat bed trailer attached to her bicycle. "What makes the *plein-air* approach of painting more dynamic to me is not only the changes of weather and light, but also encounters with various tenants at the Yard and conversations that help to inform my understanding. It's a refreshing mixed-use, multi-cultural place, a rare and genuine, no-flash environment." **WORKING WATERFRONT** is Talese's latest expression of her romance with the city's lost worlds.

WORKING WATERFRONT will be on exhibit from **October 2th -20th, 2007** at Atlantic Gallery's [new space](#) at **135 West 29th Street, Ste 601**, between 6th and 7th Avenues, with an opening reception on **Tuesday, October 2nd from 6pm-8pm.**

Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 12noon-6pm