

## SHERRY FRUMKIN GALLERY

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### Doni Silver Simons

#### Center Justified

*The concept of marking time is universal. It is what we all do with our lives - some more gracefully than others - but none leaving an unmarked path.*



EXHIBITION: November 3 – December 15, 2007

OPENING RECEPTION: Saturday, November 3 6 – 9 pm

SHERRY FRUMKIN GALLERY is pleased to announce a solo exhibition of work by Los Angeles artist, **Doni Silver Simons**, opening Saturday, November 3, 2007 with a reception from 6 – 9 pm. The reception is part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Open House celebrations organized by Santa Monica Art Studios. The exhibition continues through December 15.

The works in *Center Justified* were created in the last two years. For more than two months over the summer and fall, the artist worked in the gallery expanding on the scale of her practice of marking the passage of time - a ritual resonant with earlier efforts at abandoning speech and documenting time visually, incorporating her observance of the traditional Jewish calendar.

The exhibition contains both works on canvas and on paper. The scale varies from a 16' 3" painting created on site in the gallery and completed between the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur holidays to intimate works on canvas and paper drawn or painted at her studio, on airline flights or on vacation. Simons needs to document her time on Earth, its passing shape and mood. There is discipline in the rule for creating each work. Within each lies its own distinct rhythm and poetry.

After Doni Silver Simons completed her MFA at Wayne State, she had 10 solo exhibitions and performances and participated in as many group exhibitions in a short period of time. In the years following that outburst of intense activity, her attention was devoted to teaching, lecturing and raising a family. She never stopped making work, but she consciously withdrew from exhibiting until last year.

Doni Silver Simons' work is in the public collections of Detroit Institute of Art, University of Michigan Art Museum, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, National Endowment of the Arts, Michigan Council of the Arts, Detroit, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Michigan, Flint Institute of Arts, Michigan, Allegheny County Community College, Pittsburgh.