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***surge*, a site-specific installation by Anna Jóelsdóttir**



(Tuesday, May 17 – New York NY) Clocktower and the Gallery ARTonAIR.org present *surge*, a site-specific installation by Chicago-based Icelandic artist Anna Jóelsdóttir. The exhibition will run from May 18 – October 1, 2011.

Working with oversized sheets of mylar hand-painted with acrylic and ink, Jóelsdóttir has transformed the Clocktower's Performance Gallery into a site where ideas, experience, and history billow and break across the space's pillars, ceiling, and floor. At first delicate and ethereal, Jóelsdóttir's sculptural canvases reveal a world in which connections and fissures occur with the paradoxical logic of intuition. Drawing from personal experience, art history, and interpretations of current events, *surge's* construction and content reflect the everyday, unconscious practice of creating personal narratives from memory, and the inevitable interpretations and misinterpretations of human interaction.

Born in Iceland, Jóelsdóttir moved to Chicago to study at the Art Institute of Chicago where she received her Masters of Fine Art. Her work has been exhibited in galleries and museums in both the United States and Iceland including the Living Art Museum in Reykjavík, the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Stux Gallery in New York.

This exhibition is organized by Alanna Heiss, Curator; Beatrice Johnson, Associate Curator; Joe Ahearn, Installation Coordinator; and Lorissa Rinehart, Archivist.

Since 1972, the Clocktower Gallery has presented seminal works in all media by artists including Gordon Matta-Clark, Max Neuhaus, Lynda Benglis, Dennis Oppenheim, and Laurie Anderson. It continues this tradition with residency and exhibition programs that support the work of emerging and established artists including Anna Jóelsdóttir, James Franco, Japanther, Sabisha Friederg, G Lucas Crane, Tony Ourlser, and Mary Heilmann, among many others.

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