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Grace Institute Art Gallery  
1233 Second Avenue  
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## **Unconventional Portraits:**

**by Kikuko Doi · Donna Gould · Suk Ki Lee**  
Artists from The Art Students League of New York

**Tuesday, July 6 – Thursday, August 12, 2010**

Cocktail reception for the artists: Wednesday, July 14, 5:30-7:00pm

Grace Institute Art Gallery is pleased to present “*Unconventional Portraits*,” an exhibition by artists from The Art Students League of New York: Kikuko Doi, Donna Gould, and Suk Ki Lee.

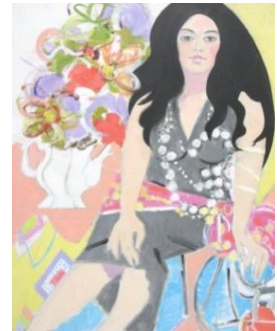
This exhibition displays the work of three artists, each with a unique approach to portraits.

The show runs from July 6 – August 12, 2010. A cocktail reception will be held at the Grace Institute Art Gallery on July 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:00pm.

**Kikuko Doi** was born and raised in Wakayama, a prefecture in western Japan. She obtained her BA at Seian University of Art and Design in 2007. While at the university, she devoted herself to work on illustrations with acrylic and printing, especially silk screen. She has been working on portraits with strong focus since 2005. After moving to New York City in 2009, she has been practicing painting, mixed media, and lithograph. She has since found her representation of the abstract to have improved.



**Donna Gould** was born and raised in Hollywood, California. From the ages seven to seventeen, she studied drawing and painting with various teachers. She majored in philosophy as an undergraduate at Stanford University and earned a PhD in psychology from the University of California at Berkeley. After moving to New York City in 1970, she practiced as a psychotherapist for 25 years. Two years before retiring, she began studying painting and drawing with Knox Martin at The Art Students League and has continued to study with Mr. Martin for the past 13 years. In 2004, she began exhibiting her work at several different venues in upstate New York. This is her second show in New York City. She lives in the West Village with her partner, Amy, and her dog, Gracie.



**Suk Ki Lee** immigrated to the United States from South Korea. One of the most exciting aspects of living in the U.S. for him was seeing great works of art exhibited at various museums. Each time he went, he experienced a unique joy that comes only from appreciating visual fine arts. He was compelled to pursue art at the age of 56. He is drawn to abstract painting because it allows him to strive after freer expressions. Portraying human faces using different media - wire, metal, and paint – enables him to capture various expressions and dimensions of the human form. As his work evolves, he is gravitating from 2D to 3D, allowing him to try new things. Even at the age of 68, he continues to be inspired by images and ideas he wants to capture.



Grace Institute Art Gallery marks its eighth anniversary in 2010. In that time, over 70 artists have displayed their work, making the Grace Institute Art Gallery a notable place for emerging and established artists to show their work. Grace invites artists of different mediums to display their work every six to eight weeks. Past exhibitions have included photography, illustrations, painting, collage, pastel, drawing, printmaking, and quilting. Students, staff, and visitors enjoy the cultural enrichment these exhibits bring to Grace Institute and the community.

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### **Gallery Hours:**

Mon – Thurs: 9am – 7pm