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On the Bowery, A Triumphant First Year for Two Young Dealers

December 16, 2013 (New York, NY) -- On January 11, 2014 Garis & Hahn will celebrate its one-year anniversary. Founded and co-directed by fellow Christie's grads Mary Garis and Sophie Hahn, the Bowery gallery-cum-Kunsthalle opened in January 2013 with the goal of creating an experimental and education based program that would benefit artists and collectors alike. The young art dealers envisioned a model for a project based gallery that would emphasize collaboration and experimentation, giving greater context to work presented in new and innovative ways. During its first year, Garis & Hahn created a fresh program that invited proposals by guest curators and featured group rather than solo exhibitions with emerging and mid-career artists unrepresented by the gallery.

The Contemporary Art market is seeing enormous growth with global auction sales doubling in the last decade, thus redefining traditional paradigms (according to Director of The Armory Show, Noah Horowitz, in his recent lecture at the Talking Galleries conference). With Post-War & Contemporary sales dominated by just a few collectors and dealers, production and overhead costs eating up more profits, and a hyper-competitive environment of dealers securing emerging artists, new galleries must evolve to keep pace in these flush, yet uncertain times.

Garis & Hahn launched their emerging contemporary program with the exhibition, *After the Fall*—a survey of international artists working with the medium of photography in new ways. The gallery's sixth project brought a special focus to Australia, Ms. Hahn's country of origin, with the multi-media exhibition *Peripheral Visions: Contemporary Art from Australia*. The curatorial debut of New York art writer Kyle Chayka, *Dying on Stage: New Painting in New York*, achieved much notoriety and firmly placed Garis & Hahn and the work of the "New Casualist" artists within the New York Contemporary Art conversation.

The success of Garis & Hahn's first-year program was punctuated by their invitation to participate in the 2013 edition of UNTITLED., the Art Basel Miami Beach fair curated by Omar Lopez-Chahoud. The gallery's first year also included a curatorial partnership between Garis & Hahn and fashion label rag & bone for the retailer's Meatpacking location.

Garis & Hahn's final project for 2013, *Suddenly, There: Discovery of the Find*, closes January 11th, followed by a solo presentation of Jomar Statkun opening January 19th.

For more information, visit www.garisandhahn.com

About Mary Garis

Prior to co-founding Garis & Hahn, Mary Garis gained extensive experience in the international art market at Sotheby's London and Christie's New York, in addition to her years working in New York at contemporary art galleries, such as Zach Feuer Gallery, Mary Boone Gallery, Haunch of Venison, The Ed Ruscha Catalogue Raisonné Project, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She holds a Master of Arts in Modern Art from Christie's Education, New York. Mary is also a resident of the LES, living in a Modernist style apartment with her collection inspired by the Rauschenberg aesthetic she grew to love during her time researching the Rauschenberg Overseas Culture Interchange.

About Sophie Hahn

Prior to co-founding Garis & Hahn, Sophie Hahn worked for AXA Art Insurance as a Fine Art Expert, where she approved the policies of a wide range of private collections and institutions. A native of Sydney, Australia, where she previously acquired expertise in the international art industry at Shapiro Auctioneers and gained contacts within the international, and specifically Australian, arts community that are invaluable to the curatorial program of the gallery. She holds a Master of Arts in Modern Art from Christie's Education, New York. Sophie lives Downtown with her fiancé in an apartment decorated by antique textiles from Rajasthan, reflective of her childhood living in India, and her own hand-made furniture.

Location

263 Bowery
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Hours

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And by appointment.

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