

Skylight Gallery Presents

## DEEP BLUE

Solo exhibition  
Aphrodite Navab

February 28-April 3, 2011

OPENING RECEPTION March 3rd, 6-9pm

Skylight Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of its second brilliant show of 2011-Deep Blue, a solo exhibition by Aphrodite Désirée Navab. The show will run from February 28-April 3, 2011. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, March 3, at which the artist will be present.

Aphrodite Désirée Navab uses active and participatory means to accomplish healing on personal, cultural, and global levels. Out of these practices comes art that is revelatory and much deeper than meets the eye. Navab takes personal experience, rolls it up, shreds it apart and sends it out to the collective conscious in the form of her transformational work. Prominent blue in her pieces calls to mind a calm and peaceful state, while bursting with pulsing, radiating energy. This energy of blue has an attractive, engulfing and leaves-you-wanting-for-more quality rarely present in much contemporary work.

Navab's performance-based photography series: *Super East-West Woman's Sufi Dance: Egypt* is motivated by her desire to humorously and compassionately critique the cultures that she embodies: Iranian and American. She does this by using her own body to counteract the evil concept that each culture holds of the other in attempt to alleviate the vilifying energies propagated by political figures and decisions that are highly visible and powerful in the media.

Navab has morphed her *chador* (Farsi for Islamic covering) into a *cape*. Our Western 'Superman' is transformed into 'Superwoman' with a fabulous Islamic cape of agency. She pokes fun at herself, her cultures, and the ludicrous situations in which her life between East and West has placed her. Cultural displacement has given her the capacity to live out her healing vision. Armored with her Persian amulets and Greek anti-evil eye bracelets, Super East-West Woman chases away the evil for which each nation blames the other. Her timely work is magnified in importance as it is set in Egypt. Her Sufi dance for peace and union signals a profound message in light of the suicide bombing in Alexandria outside of a Coptic church on New Year's Day and the current protests and clashes in Egypt.

The personal transcends through the artist to the collective whole of society and to the universal oneness of life itself in these works. The artist uses the powerful color blue and the fabric of her life to cause healing, metamorphosis, and revolution. A must see show.

The exhibition will run from February 28-April 3, 2011. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10am until 4pm. The gallery is located at 538 W 29<sup>th</sup> St. NY, NY 10001. For more information or inquiries, please contact Gallery Director Carla Goldberg at 646-772-2407, or via email at [info@skylightgallerynyc.com](mailto:info@skylightgallerynyc.com).