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John Moore Shades of Gray

March 5-April 10, 2010

Artist Reception: Friday, March 5th, 5:30–7:30pm

Gallery Hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 10am–6pm



Billboard, Water Tower, 2009, charcoal on paper, 22 1/2 x 30 1/4 inches

January 2010, Philadelphia, PA–Locks Gallery is pleased to present *Shades of Gray*, an exhibition of new drawings by John Moore. *Shades of Gray* will be on view March 5 through April 10, 2010. There will be a reception for the artist on Friday, March 5th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. A fully illustrated catalogue with an essay by Dr. Paul Galvez accompanies the exhibit.

This exhibit, John Moore's first exclusive drawing show, is composed of eighteen charcoal works, all completed in 2009. An ambitious endeavor into a medium that the artist had only previously handled while in college, these large-scale drawings each have a unique subject and are not studies or preparatory drawings for paintings.

Seeking a break from painting, his sole pursuit over the last decade and the focus of a mid-career retrospective in 2009, the artist was drawn to a total immersion in a new medium. Charcoal's flexibility and variety of hues enhances the depth of field and the articulation of architectural forms - longstanding hallmarks of Moore's work. The density of the heavily worked charcoal achieves a surface richness akin to painting. Each work also reveals Moore's own analytic approach to the urban landscape and architecture - lifelong interests.

Moore served as chair of the Fine Arts Department at The University of Pennsylvania from 1999 through 2008, capping off a distinguished teaching career at Tyler School of Art, Boston University and PENN. The artist has shown extensively in New York and

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600 Washington Square South Philadelphia PA 19106 tel 215.629.1000 fax 215.629.3868 info@locksgallery.com www.locksgallery.com Philadelphia, in museum and gallery exhibitions, and his work is in the collections of the Art Institute of Chicago; Metropolitan Museum of Art; the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; the Philadelphia Museum of Art; SFMOMA and Yale University Art Gallery.

Locks Gallery is located at 600 Washington Square South in Philadelphia, PA. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 6pm. For additional information, please contact Locks Gallery at 215.629.1000 voice, 215.629.3868 fax, or info@locksgallery.com.

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