

**Woman Made Gallery - 685 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622**

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**JULIE KARABENICK**

**Recent Paintings**

**September 7 – October 4, 2007**

**Opening Reception: September 7 / 6-9 p.m.**

Michigan-Based Artist Presents Enigmatic Order

Woman Made Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of *Recent Paintings* by Julie Karabenick, a Michigan-based abstract painter who has been exhibiting for almost twenty years. Her work explores complex relations of color and form in a geometric idiom. Critic Lilly Wei writes: “*Julie Karabenick takes the constructivist grid and explodes it ... [giving] a new spin to dynamic equilibrium.*”

Karabenick’s works offer enigmatic presentations of order.

Her placement of shape and use of color create complex

compositions that envelop the viewer. Karabenick states: “*In my ongoing ‘Composition Series,’ I limit myself to squares and rectangles of flat, uninflected color. Each shape arises from an implicit, underlying grid of small, same-sized squares. Thus a grid governs the space, making all forms and intervals proportionally related to one another. From these stable beginnings, I develop compositions that are asymmetrical and dynamically balanced. Stability is challenged as intricate and changing networks of color and shape are discovered and vie for the viewer’s attention. A precarious order prevails, but its rules remain elusive.*”

Karabenick has curated exhibitions in New York City and Philadelphia. She is the co-founder and editor of an online scholarly resource and international forum called *Geofom*, which features abstract geometric art and in-depth artist interviews. Prior to her career in art, Karabenick received a PhD in Psychology from the University of Michigan. For further information, see: [www.karabenick-art.net](http://www.karabenick-art.net).

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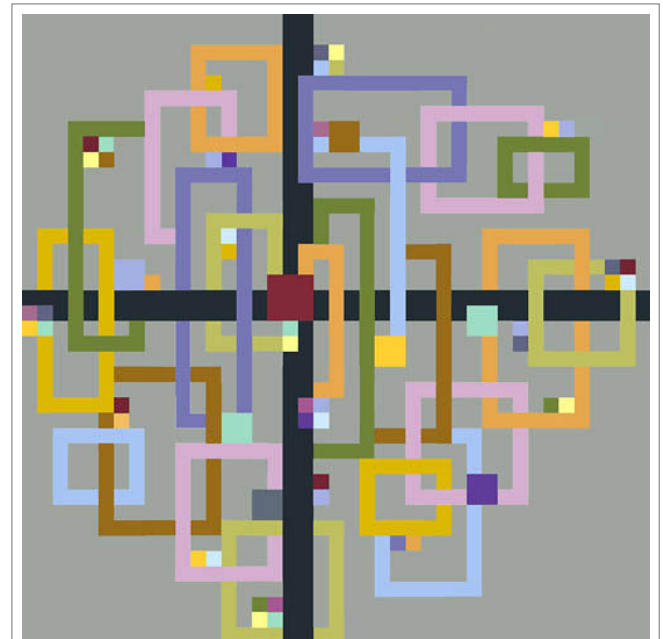
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**Website:** [www.womanmade.org](http://www.womanmade.org)

**Gallery Hours: Wed-Fri noon-7 p.m. / Sat-Sun noon-4 p.m. / Admission: Free**

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**Julie Karabenick - Composition 71 (2007)**  
acrylic on canvas, 28 x 28 inches