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Vadis Turner *Time of Day*

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OPENING: thu 8 oct, 6-8pm



Daybreak, 2013, fabric, ribbon, mixed media, 7'x6'x5"

For her first solo exhibition at David Lusk Gallery, Vadis Turner's *Time of Day* features textile-based works, small fabric and mixed media collages, and new large fabric/paint/resin works.

Turner paints with textiles--translating hand-dyed ribbon, bedding, clothing, and other recycled fabrics into brush marks, stains, and washes. Each collaged element is affixed onto woven foundations, models, or suspended in resin.

Her compositions evolve from partnering feminine materials with destructive, aggressive agents such as fire, storm systems and heartbreak. The works in *Time of Day* all address specific light and weather conditions. The environment is partnered with a narrative about a woman, a tragic heroine, who is consumed or absorbed by the turning landscape. The weather thus becomes a feministic force.

Turner's installations, textiles, and mixed media pieces explore the transformative possibilities of traditionally feminine materials like ribbon, lingerie, and fabric. Deliberately handcrafted, they reference a class of labor long considered women's work. In synthesizing abstract expressionism with women's roles, her works are equal parts art and heirloom.

Her tactile methods, which include sewing and quilting, are often subversively employed, as delicate materials accumulate into grotesque surfaces; an abundance of ribbons creates a stew of mottled color on the surface of a canvas. She also frequently repurposes domestic items associated with womanhood into seductive objects: wax paper is fashioned into a lacy lingerie set and tampons are used to create a towering wedding cake.

Vadis Turner received a BFA, MA, and MFA from Boston University. She has exhibited her extensively across the country, and can be found in several private and public collections including the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Tennessee State Museum, 21C Museum, and the KY Arts and Craft Museum. Recently she was a Visiting Artist at Vanderbilt University in Nashville and School of Visual Arts in New York City. She currently lives and works in Nashville.

David Lusk Gallery is located at 516 Hagan Street in Nashville's Wedgewood/Houston Neighborhood. Gallery hours are Tu-Sa 11-5. For more information or visuals please contact Gallery at 615-780-9990 or galleries@davidluskgallery.com.

