



Red Earth (detail), 2012, enamel on urethane resin, screws, 33 x 26 x 5.5 inches

Simeen Farhat – *Word Play*

Opening Reception: Saturday, June 29th, 6 pm – 8 pm

Exhibition Dates: June 29th – August 3rd, 2013

Cris Worley Fine Arts is thrilled to announce Simeen Farhat's first solo exhibition with the gallery, *Word Play*, opening June 29th, from 6pm-8pm and continuing through August 3, 2013. The Pakistani-born artist received her MFA from Texas Christian University in 2000, and currently lives and works in Dallas, Texas. Farhat uses the characters of various texts to invent calligraphy-like abstract forms out of cast resin. She then entwines the resin pieces to create her amorphous sculptures.

For *Word Play*, Farhat has created several sculptural objects, including a large wall-based installation and several wall pieces. The installation uses the words of her artist statement, which, discusses her interest in “represent[ing] women’s inherent right to be expressive” and her process and intent as an artist. Other works in the exhibition will incorporate words from personal emails and text messages. Digital communication is a subject Farhat is intrigued by, as the sender’s intention can be obscured by the cold format of the phone or computer screen. Farhat’s multiculturalism is also highlighted by sculptures whose form is derived from the poetry of Rumi, Ghalib, Khyam, and Fitzgerald (written in Farsi, Urdu, and English) chosen by the artist because they “speak eloquently about life, death, love, freedom of thoughts, and philosophy.”

Simeen Farhat has exhibited frequently overseas including in Pakistan, London, the UAE, India, Finland and Germany. In the United States, she has shown throughout Texas and in California, Chicago, Louisiana, and Philadelphia, among others. Farhat has also received many awards and honors including several artist residencies both domestically and abroad. Recently, she was asked to participate in the BT ArtBox project where artists from across the globe created sculptures based on the British telephone booth, to be displayed through the 2012 London Olympics and auctioned off for charity.

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