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**Fountain Gallery Presents: *OPEN MIND***  
**A group exhibition of works by Swedish artists**  
**June 25 – August 11, 2010**

***Opening Reception: June 25, 6–8 p.m.***

**New York, NY – June 23, 2010** – Fountain Gallery, the premier venue in New York City representing artists with mental illness, located at 702 Ninth Avenue at 48<sup>th</sup> Street, has announced the opening of *Open Mind*. This group exhibition presents work by member-artists of organizations in Sweden that are affiliates of the Gallery's parent organization, Fountain House, the world's leading provider of recovery services for men, women, and young adults living with major mental illness. The exhibition will be on view from June 25 through August 11, 2010, with an Opening Reception on June 25, from 6 to 8 p.m.

"We are pleased to bring *Open Mind* to Fountain Gallery after its successful tour of Sweden," said Jason Bowman, Director of Fountain Gallery. "The organizations instrumental in mounting this show share our goal of challenging the stigma surrounding mental illness by showcasing the talents of artists living and working with it."

Beginning in April of 2008, *Open Mind* traveled to galleries and other public spaces in seven cities in Sweden, concluding in Stockholm in December 2009. *Open Mind* showcases 34 works in various mediums.

This program is supported, in part, by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, and by generous support from The Jarvis and Constance Doctorow Family Foundation and The Renate, Hans and Maria Hofmann Trust.

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**About Fountain Gallery**

Founded by Fountain House in 2000 as a not-for-profit exhibition space for artists living and working with mental illness, Fountain Gallery sells original artworks and collaborates with a wide network of artists, curators and cultural institutions. Embracing artists who are both emerging and established, trained and self-taught, the Gallery cultivates artistic growth and makes a vital contribution to the New York arts community.

**About Fountain House**

Fountain House was founded in 1948 by former psychiatric patients of Rockland State Hospital. Through its renowned comprehensive model of support, replicated in more than 400 locations in 30 countries and 32 states, Fountain House helps 1,300 people annually in finding a home, returning to school, re-entering the workplace, and re-establishing connections to family, friends, and the larger community.

Artworks by Gallery artists may be viewed at: [www.fountaingallerynyc.com](http://www.fountaingallerynyc.com).  
For more information about Fountain House: [www.fountainhouse.org](http://www.fountainhouse.org).

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More than a gallery. A movement.

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