JUDY LEDGERWOOD

New paintings September 5 – October 4, 2003

Opening reception for the artist, Friday, October 5, 2003, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

JUDY LEDGERWOOD AT RHONA HOFFMAN GALLERY

Rhona Hoffman Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of new work by Chicago-based artist **Judy Ledgerwood**.

Ledgerwood continues to participate in the discourse on painting by working within the conventions set forth by its materials and history. She elaborates on the tradition through experimentation with scale and color. Her paintings assert a powerful direct subjective experience and are closely related to modernism and abstract painting. By employing the language of abstract painting, Ledgerwood distinguishes her painting practice from those that indulge in irony, glibness or long narrative explanations of technique or inspirations. Associations with the decorative arts, interior design, and fashion, domains in which women have historically been the voices of authority, link the work to feminism.

In this latest series of paintings Ledgerwood applies decorative patterns to the canvas with spontaneous gestures to create a sensual viewing experience through nuanced color relationships and use of ambient light.

Her work has been exhibited in numerous solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States. It can be found in museum collections including the Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York), the Museum of Contemporary Art (Chicago), the Museum of Modern Art (Los Angeles), and the Art Institute of Chicago.

Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. For further information please call 312.455.1990, email: rhoffman@rhoffmangallery.com, or visit our website at www.artnet.com/rhoffman.html.